

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5 v.

16 CR 246 (JSR)

6 KIAN GOHARI,

7 Jury Trial

Defendant.

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9 New York, N.Y.
10 November 4, 2016
11 9:00 a.m.

12 Before:

13 HON. JED S. RAKOFF

14 District Judge

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1 (Trial resumed; jury present)

2 THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I
3 just heard something ridiculous. I heard my courtroom deputy
4 say "Surprise." I'm not surprised. I knew you could do it.

5 Please call your next witness.

6 MR. RICHMAN: The government calls Sheri Bowen, your
7 Honor.

8 SHERI BOWEN,

9 called as a witness by the government,
10 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

11 THE CLERK: State your name and spell it slowly for
12 the record.

13 THE WITNESS: My name is Sheri Bowen. S-H-E-R-I
14 B-O-W-E-N.

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MR. RICHMAN:

17 Q. Good morning. How old are you?

18 A. 52.

19 Q. Where did you grow up?

20 A. Bronx, New York.

21 Q. Are you currently married?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Do you have any children?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Where do you currently live?

1 A. Brooklyn, New York.

2 Q. Were you arrested earlier this year?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What were you arrested for?

5 A. Conspiracy with oxycodone.

6 Q. How did you come to be involved in this oxycodone
7 conspiracy?

8 A. I was working, volunteering at Bread & Life and I met a
9 gentleman named Alberto Nazario, who was also working there. I
10 was telling him about my prescriptions and he was telling me
11 about his cousin G that would buy them from me, and he
12 introduced me to G.

13 Q. Generally, what was your role in the oxycodone conspiracy?

14 A. My role was to go to the doctor's office and obtain an
15 oxycodone prescription.

16 Q. What would happen after you got those oxycodone
17 prescriptions?

18 A. I would give the prescriptions to Gilberto, who I called G,
19 and he would fill them and then sell them.

20 Q. Do you know where Cabrera was selling the prescriptions?

21 A. I know he was filling them at Danny's pharmacy on 52nd and
22 Church.

23 Q. 52nd and Church, where is that located?

24 A. Flatbush.

25 Q. How do you know that?

1 A. Because Cabrera had taken me with him.

2 Q. Taken you with him to the pharmacy?

3 A. Yes, sir.

4 Q. Have you ever been inside the pharmacy?

5 A. No, sir.

6 Q. Why have you never been inside the pharmacy?

7 A. Because Cabrera said that Danny didn't want any of us to
8 come to the pharmacy.

9 Q. Have you ever seen Danny before?

10 A. Yes, sir.

11 Q. If you could look around the courtroom today, do you see
12 Danny today?

13 A. He's right over there.

14 MR. KEHOE: Conceded, Judge.

15 THE COURT: The identification is stipulated.

16 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

17 Q. Did you and Cabrera ever have a conversation about his
18 relationship with Danny?

19 A. Yes. Cabrera said that he would pay Danny to fill the
20 prescriptions and we also had to get other prescriptions to
21 give to Danny.

22 Q. Taking a step back, how did you first become involved in
23 this conspiracy?

24 A. A guy named Willie that also worked with Cabrera told me
25 about it.

1 Q. What did he say to you and what did you say to him?

2 A. He said to me did Cabrera, which I called G, tell you about
3 the new thing we doing? I was like no. Then he explained that
4 we would go get oxycodone prescriptions and Cabrera would pay
5 us.

6 Q. Before you obtained any oxycodone prescriptions, did you
7 ever sell any other prescriptions to G?

8 A. Yes. When I first met him, I sold him my Seroquel. And
9 then afterwards we got involved in going to a doctor's office,
10 obtaining HIV medications to sell.

11 Q. When you say sold him Seroquel, what is Seroquel?

12 A. Seroquel is sleeping medication that my psychiatrist give
13 me.

14 Q. Did Cabrera tell you why he purchased your Seroquel?

15 A. Yes. He purchased it to sell.

16 MR. RICHMAN: Permission to approach, your Honor?

17 THE COURT: Yes.

18 Q. I am now showing you what's been marked for identification
19 as Government Exhibit 617. Do you recognize the individual in
20 that photograph?

21 A. Yes. It's Dr. Naveed.

22 Q. How do you recognize Dr. Naveed?

23 A. Because he's the doctor that was giving us HIV
24 prescriptions.

25 Q. Is that a fair and accurate depiction of Dr. Naveed?

1 A. Yes, it is.

2 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, the government offers
3 Government Exhibit 617.

4 MR. KEHOE: Excuse me, your Honor. May I come to the
5 side bar, please?

6 THE COURT: All right.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. ESTES: Maybe I misunderstood. I thought Mr.
3 Richman yesterday said this witness was not going to mention
4 Dr. Naveed.

5 MR. RICHMAN: I just said she has been instructed not
6 to testify about his arrest.

7 MR. KEHOE: I misunderstood.

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1 (In open court)

2 THE COURT: Any objection to the exhibit?

3 MR. KEHOE: No, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Received.

5 (Government's Exhibit 617 received in evidence)

6 Q. Have you met Dr. Naveed?

7 A. Yes, I have.

8 Q. How did you meet him?

9 A. I was going to his office to obtain prescriptions for HIV
10 medication.

11 Q. Who told you to go to his office?

12 A. Cabrera.

13 Q. What did Cabrera tell you with about him before you went to
14 his office?

15 A. He said that Dr. Naveed would give us any type of
16 prescription we asked for.

17 Q. Did you then go to Dr. Naveed's office?

18 A. Yes, I did.

19 Q. Can you describe your experience when you went to Dr.
20 Naveed's office.

21 A. We had to be there 5 o'clock in the morning. The purpose
22 of going at 5 o'clock in the morning is because you wanted to
23 be first on line because Dr. Naveed only took five new patients
24 a day. And when you got there, the guy will be tearing off a
25 piece of paper bag, writing a number on it, giving you your

1 number where you is at in line. Then about 9 o'clock it would
2 open, you would go in and sit down and wait, and at about 2:00
3 or 3:00 Dr. Naveed would come.

4 Q. When Dr. Naveed would come at about 2:00 or 3:00, what
5 would he do?

6 A. He would come in, he would go in his office, and then the
7 receptionist would start calling people to see him.

8 Q. Did Dr. Naveed write prescriptions for you?

9 A. Yes, he did.

10 Q. What prescriptions did he write?

11 A. I only know the names of a couple of them: Vyread, Atripla,
12 and Prezista. I can't really pronounce them.

13 Q. What disease were these medications intended to treat?

14 A. HIV.

15 Q. Did you have HIV?

16 A. No.

17 Q. What did you do with these prescriptions after Dr. Naveed
18 wrote them for you?

19 A. I would either give them to G or someone that he sent to go
20 with me, and then G would take them to a pharmacy, fill them,
21 and sell them. No, excuse me. He'd take them to the pharmacy
22 and fill them. The pharmacies give us money.

23 Q. Did you ever receive these HIV medications?

24 A. No.

25 Q. What would G give you in return for the prescriptions?

1 A. He would give me money.

2 Q. How long did you go to Dr. Naveed for?

3 A. Anywhere from six months to a year. I'm not exactly sure.

4 Q. At any point did you lie to Dr. Naveed?

5 A. Yes. I told him I had HIV.

6 Q. Did you feel like you were fooling him when you told him
7 that?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Why not?

10 A. Because there was no proof when I first went that I had
11 HIV. I just told him. I just tell him what I want, and he
12 just give me the script.

13 Q. When you say that, what do you mean?

14 A. I mean I go in there with the piece of paper that Cabrera
15 had given me and I just tell him the medicine that's on the
16 piece of paper, and he would write me a script for it.

17 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, permission to publish what
18 is in evidence as Government Exhibit 210.

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 Q. Ms. Bowen, we are going to focus in on the first row of
21 this document.

22 MR. KEHOE: If I may, Judge, with regard to this
23 testimony, if I could request an instruction from the Court. I
24 do believe that I should discuss with you at side bar an
25 instruction that the defense is going to ask you to give the

1 jury.

2 THE COURT: You had better come to the side bar. I
3 don't understand.

4 (At the side bar)

5 MR. BACHNER: Judge, I'll carry the ball on this one.
6 Your Honor, we have a concern that this background evidence
7 that goes to Dr. Ahmad, who is not a co-conspirator of the
8 defendant, we are concerned that from this background evidence
9 which is coming in to establish relationships the jury may
10 conclude that the defendant had something to do with some
11 wrongdoing with Dr. Ahmad when he is not a conspirator.

12 We would ask a limiting instruction that this is come
13 in purely as background information, the defendant has not been
14 charged in any conspiracy with Dr. Ahmad. In fact, we would
15 like to go further and indicate that there is no proof that the
16 defendant committed any wrongdoing in connection with Dr.
17 Ahmad. We are concerned that they are going to introduce
18 evidence that the defendant had a lot of dealings with Dr.
19 Ahmad.

20 THE COURT: First of all, this is the first time you
21 have asked for that instruction. You knew this witness was
22 going to come. Having said that, let me ask the government,
23 what is the relevance of any of this?

24 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, the relevance is, as it has
25 been from the beginning -- first, I think we would view Dr.

1 Ahmad as an unindicted co-conspirator. There has been
2 testimony that this defendant --

3 THE COURT: Wait a minute. He is not an unindicted
4 co-conspirator, is he?

5 MR. RICHMAN: May I have one moment, your Honor?

6 THE COURT: Yes.

7 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, our position is that Ahmad
8 himself is not an unindicted co-conspirator but as part of the
9 conspiracy the defendant was asking people in this conspiracy,
10 Cabrera, to send patients to Dr. Ahmad because he knew what was
11 going on over there. He knew what was going on over there
12 because he was there handing out business cards, which we
13 established the other day. We will also establish that 77
14 percent of his Medicaid pills were for HIV prescriptions of Dr.
15 Ahmad.

16 THE COURT: I have a very simple question, two simple
17 questions. The first one is: Is he or is he not a
18 co-conspirator, Dr. Ahmad?

19 MS. ESTES: We think he is a co-conspirator.

20 THE COURT: My second question is: Did you so
21 indicate that to the defense?

22 MS. ESTES: We didn't put it on the list of the
23 co-conspirators because we understood that to be the
24 transactions that they wanted listed.

25 THE COURT: What is he a co-conspirator in?

1 MS. ESTES: A conspiracy involving HIV medications.

2 THE COURT: To be frank, I think the government may
3 have misled the defense and we may have to deal with that, but
4 I don't see any reason to give an instruction at this time,
5 which would just complicate matters. The evidence is relevant,
6 which is all that the jury needs to know. We'll sort out later
7 what will or will not follow.

8 MR. BACHNER: Judge, we'll make further argument when
9 your Honor deems it appropriate, but to the extent that this
10 really isn't relevant to the conspiracy charged -- perhaps we
11 should have objected a bit earlier -- we move to strike it.

12 THE COURT: The law is clear that the government
13 doesn't have to charge someone in an indictment as a
14 co-conspirator in order to prove that they are co-conspirators.
15 The government also can establish agency or co-conspirator
16 relations that may not be the conspiracy charged in the
17 indictment but still may be a conspiratorial relationship that
18 is relevant to the case.

19 The thing that bothers me is whether they misled the
20 defense. That is what we will take up at the next break. But
21 I don't think an instruction on this point would be called for
22 because the whole situation is unclear as to how it will come
23 out. We'll sort it out.

24 MR. BACHNER: Okay.

25 THE COURT: Certainly if I find the defense has been

1 misled, we'll take action.

2 MR. BACHNER: Thank you, Judge.

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1 (In open court)

2 BY MR. RICHMAN:

3 Q. Ms. Bowen turning back to where we were, is there a
4 prescriber name listed on this?

5 MR. KEHOE: If I may, Judge, with regard to this
6 exhibit, we would object based on the same.

7 THE COURT: Yes. For this one occasion I will give
8 you a continuing objection to all that we discussed, all the
9 testimony that was implicated by what was discussed at the side
10 bar.

11 MR. KEHOE: Yes. I raise that, Judge, because your
12 Honor said previously that you don't have standing objections.

13 THE COURT: Exactly. Congratulations on getting an
14 exception.

15 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you see the prescriber name listed there?

16 A. Ahmad Naveed.

17 Q. Is that the doctor you were just telling us about?

18 A. Yes, it is.

19 Q. Do you see a drug name listed there?

20 A. Prezista.

21 Q. Do you know what Prezista is prescribed for?

22 A. HIV.

23 Q. Do you see an amount listed there?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What is the amount listed there?

1 A. \$1,058.36.

2 MR. RICHMAN: Ms. Bostillo, if you could please blow
3 up the last row on this page.

4 Q. Ms. Bowen, for this row do you see a doctor's name listed
5 there?

6 A. Dr. White.

7 Q. Are you familiar with the name Dr. White?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 Q. How did you first learn of Dr. White?

10 A. That's the doctor that Willie was telling me about when he
11 was telling me there was something else going on. He told me
12 to talk to G about it, and I spoke to G about it. And he had a
13 gentleman named Wilfredo take me to the doctor. I mean
14 Alberto.

15 Q. Take you to the doctor?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. When you said to the doctor, to which doctor?

18 A. To Dr. White's office.

19 Q. Did you obtain prescriptions from Dr. White?

20 A. Yes. I obtained oxycodones.

21 Q. During your visits with Dr. White, did you indicate that
22 you had a medical problem?

23 A. Yes. I told him I fell and hurt my shoulder.

24 Q. Did he do any kind of testing when you told him that?

25 A. No.

1 Q. What would you do with the prescriptions from Dr. White
2 after he wrote them for you?

3 A. I would give them to either Cabrera or to someone he sent
4 with me, and then they would give them to Cabrera, and he would
5 take them to a pharmacy, fill them, and sell them.

6 Q. Would Cabrera give you anything in return?

7 A. Yes. He would pay me for going to the doctor.

8 Q. How much would he pay you?

9 A. Different times. Sometimes a hundred, sometimes 2,
10 sometimes 3. It's just different prices.

11 Q. For how long did you go to Dr. White?

12 A. Probably about 3 or 4 months.

13 Q. We'll come back to this later. Do you know what Cabrera
14 did with the prescriptions that you gave to him?

15 A. He would fill them and sell them.

16 Q. Do you know where he would fill them?

17 A. At Dr. White's office. No, I don't.

18 Q. Did you have Medicaid at this time?

19 A. Yes, I did.

20 MR. RICHMAN: Ms. Bostillo, if we could please move on
21 to page 2 of this document and blow up rows 4 and 5, please.

22 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you see a doctor's name listed here?

23 A. Dr. Masavia.

24 Q. Do you know Dr. Masavia?

25 A. Yes. He is my psychiatrist.

1 Q. Do you presently go to Dr. Masavia?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. Do you see what drugs are listed here?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. What are they?

6 A. Ibuprofen and Citalopram. I don't know how to say it.

7 Q. Would you also give these prescriptions to Cabrera to fill?

8 A. Yes, I would.

9 Q. Why would you do that?

10 A. Because Cabrera said that Danny told him that he is not
11 going to just fill just oxy prescriptions, we has to have more
12 than oxy prescriptions or it don't look right.

13 Q. Moving back to the oxy prescriptions, after you stopped
14 with Dr. White, did you go to any other doctors to receive
15 oxycodone?

16 A. Yes. I went to Dr. Belafonte.

17 Q. How did you first learn about Dr. Belafonte?

18 A. Cabrera.

19 Q. What would happen when you would visit Dr. Belafonte?

20 A. We would go in, we would give the receptionist \$250, and a
21 bunch of us would go in back and watch films on drugs, homeless
22 or we would have a discussion on whatever topic somebody came
23 up with. Then, after we did that for 15 minutes, we would go
24 back in the reception area and someone would call us, and we
25 would go into the doctor's office and receive a prescription

1 for oxycodone.

2 Q. Did Dr. Belafonte ever examine you?

3 A. No.

4 Q. What, if any, prescriptions did Dr. Belafonte give you?

5 A. Oxycodone.

6 Q. What would you do with these prescriptions?

7 A. I would give them to Cabrera.

8 Q. Would you receive anything in exchange?

9 A. Yes. He would pay me.

10 Q. Do you know what Cabrera would do with the prescriptions
11 after he bought them from you?

12 A. He would fill them and sell them.

13 Q. Do you know where he was filling them?

14 A. No.

15 MR. RICHMAN: Ms. Bostillo, if we could please move to
16 page 11 of Government Exhibit 210. And if we could zoom in on
17 the first row.

18 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you see the doctor's name listed on this row?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Do you recognize that doctor's name?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Who is that doctor?

23 A. It was a doctor that was in Dr. Feygin's office.

24 Q. Who is Dr. Feygin?

25 A. Dr. Feygin is a doctor that has different doctors' offices

1 but there's other doctors you see.

2 Q. Did you yourself visit Dr. Feygin?

3 A. Yes, I did.

4 Q. How did first learn of Dr. Feygin?

5 MR. BACHNER: Your Honor, could we have a same
6 objection as to all of the testimony related to these doctors
7 as we lodged at side bar for the same reason as interposed last
8 time?

9 THE COURT: I'm not sure it is the same situation, but
10 I will note your objection, and we'll take it up at the next
11 break.

12 MR. BACHNER: Thank you.

13 Q. How did you first learn about Dr. Feygin?

14 A. Cabrera.

15 Q. What would happen when you visited Dr. Feygin?

16 A. You would go to Dr. Feygin's office, see a receptionist,
17 you would give urine, and you would see the doctor. Then, when
18 you come out, the doctor prescribed oxycodones for you.

19 Q. Was it your urine that you would give to Dr. Feygin?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Who gave you the urine?

22 A. Cabrera.

23 Q. Do you have an understanding of why you had to use
24 Cabrera's urine?

25 A. Yes. I couldn't use my own because I have other

1 medications in my system.

2 Q. Did you receive any prescriptions from Dr. Feygin?

3 A. Yes, I did: oxycodone.

4 Q. Any others?

5 A. Muscle relaxants, blood pressure medicine, vitamin D, foot
6 medicine. They just give everything.

7 Q. How were you able to obtain these medications?

8 A. For Dr. Feygin, I just had to bring him a prior
9 prescription, a printout from the pharmacy showing that I had
10 taken these medicines prior.

11 Q. Why did you take the prescriptions?

12 A. So I could give them to Cabrera so he could sell them.

13 Q. Did Cabrera tell you why he wanted these particular
14 prescriptions?

15 A. At this particular doctor we had to get like Vytorin and
16 some other medication that he told us that Danny had told him
17 to tell us to get.

18 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, objection hearsay. You are
19 talking about a third party.

20 THE COURT: Actually, I think we need to have another
21 side bar. I'm sorry, ladies and gentlemen.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 THE COURT: I'll ask the reporter first to read the
3 last question and answer.

4 (Record read)

5 THE COURT: That sounds to me like a classic statement
6 in furtherance of a conspiracy.

7 MR. KEHOE: I agree, Judge. My objection is there
8 were conversations coming back on -- I thought she was talking
9 about one of these doctors.

10 THE COURT: No. That was a statement of Cabrera
11 relating what he had been told by Danny, the defendant. It
12 clearly comes in under the co-conspirator exception.

13 MR. KEHOE: I think what he is talking about is not
14 from Danny, from the doctor.

15 MR. RICHMAN: It was from Danny.

16 MR. BACHNER: The "he" was like this dangling pronoun
17 out there. You couldn't tell if the he referred to Feygin or
18 the defendant.

19 THE COURT: I didn't find any ambiguity. The
20 objection is overruled.

21 MR. BACHNER: Judge, the basis of the other objection
22 was --

23 THE COURT: I'm not hearing anything yet that remotely
24 raises the issues that we discussed before. Just so you are
25 clear, all this evidence is clearly relevant. All of this

1 evidence there could be no objection to unless the defense had
2 been misled.

3 With Dr. Naveed there was a specific discussion,
4 including a discussion with the Court, as to whether Dr.
5 Naveed -- now I'm falling into my own trap -- Dr. Ahmad was a
6 co-conspirator. Whether or not there are implications of that
7 from what was offered in the first part of her testimony we
8 will take up at the next break.

9 With respect to anyone else, the evidence just offered
10 was not offered on the grounds that this other doctor was a
11 co-conspirator. It was offered to show that the defendant had
12 a role in referring through Mr. Cabrera these people to get
13 their phony oxycodone -- whether it is phony or not, their
14 oxycodone prescriptions. What could be more relevant to this
15 case? Overruled.

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1 (In open court)

2 MR. RICHMAN: May I proceed, your Honor?

3 THE COURT: Please.

4 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you.

5 BY MR. RICHMAN:

6 Q. Did there come a time when you stopped going to Dr. Feygin?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. After stopping with Dr. Feygin, did you then go to any
9 other doctors to receive oxycodone?

10 A. Yes, Dr. Una.

11 MR. RICHMAN: Ms. Bostillo, if you could please turn
12 to page 23 and please pull up the second-to-last row.

13 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you see a prescriber name listed here?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. What is that name?

16 A. Dr. Una.

17 Q. What drug is being prescribed here?

18 A. Oxycodone.

19 Q. How did you first learn of Dr. Una?

20 A. Cabrera.

21 Q. What would happen when you visited Dr. Una?

22 A. When you go to Dr. Una's office, you have to give up urine.
23 You go in the back, she would test you, she would check out
24 what you say was hurting. If your MRI is old, she makes know
25 go get a new MRI.

1 Q. Did you have an MRI at that point?

2 A. At that point, yes, I did.

3 Q. How did you obtain that MRI?

4 A. I was in a car accident.

5 Q. What strength oxycodone did Dr. Una prescribe to you?

6 A. 30 milligrams.

7 Q. Was the strength of the drug important to you?

8 A. Yes, it is.

9 Q. Why is that?

10 A. Because if it is not 30 milligrams, no one will buy them.

11 Q. What would you do with the prescriptions you obtained from
12 Dr. Una?

13 A. I would give them to either Cabrera or whoever he had sent
14 with me, which Cabrera would take them to the pharmacy and fill
15 them and sell them.

16 Q. Would Cabrera give you anything in return?

17 A. He would pay me for going to the doctor.

18 Q. How long did you go to Dr. Una for?

19 A. I went to Dr. Una for about a year. For a year.

20 Q. Why did you stop?

21 A. When I stopped getting the oxycodones from her. But I
22 still have pain in my shoulders sometimes, and I go get a shot.

23 Q. Aside from your work for Cabrera as part of this oxycodone
24 scheme, did you and he have any other dealings?

25 A. Yes. He had offered me money for sex, and I did.

1 Q. When did this occur?

2 A. I don't remember exactly.

3 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, one moment, please?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, permission to publish
6 Government Exhibit 613, which is in evidence?

7 THE COURT: Yes.

8 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

9 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you recognize this individual?

10 A. Yes. It's Tonya Freeman.

11 Q. How did you first meet Tonya Freeman?

12 A. She was a friend of mine. We met in a halfway house.

13 Q. Was she involved in the oxycodone conspiracy you have been
14 testifying about?

15 A. Yes, she was.

16 Q. How do you know that?

17 A. Because I'm the one that introduced her to Cabrera.

18 Q. Why did you introduce her to Cabrera?

19 A. Because she was already getting oxycodones and the
20 gentleman that was filling them for her was no longer around.

21 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, permission to publish
22 Government Exhibit 14, which is in evidence?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you.

25 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you recognize this individual?

1 A. Stefone Holliman, Tonya Freeman's boyfriend.

2 Q. Was Mr. Holliman involved with the oxycodone conspiracy?

3 A. Yes, he was.

4 Q. How do you know that?

5 A. Because I introduced him to Cabrera.

6 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, permission to publish
7 Government Exhibit 602, which is in evidence?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you recognize the individual on Government
10 Exhibit 602?

11 A. Yes, I do.

12 Q. How do you recognize him?

13 A. Robert Hespeth.

14 Q. Was he a participant in the oxycodone conspiracy?

15 A. Yes, he was.

16 Q. What was his role?

17 A. His role was to take individuals to the doctors to make
18 sure they gave him a prescription and didn't run off with them.

19 And he would also take the prescriptions to Danny's pharmacy.

20 Q. How do you know he would take them to Danny's pharmacy?

21 A. Because I went with him.

22 Q. You testified earlier that Cabrera was filling
23 prescriptions with the defendant. How do you know that?

24 A. Because I went with him.

25 Q. Did he ever tell you anything about that?

1 A. Yes. He told me that he pays Danny to fill the
2 prescriptions. He also calls Danny and lets him know when we
3 have prescriptions to be filled. And if Danny's going to go
4 out of town or be on vacation, he'll call Cabrera, and Cabrera
5 will call us to make sure that we go to the doctor around
6 Danny's schedule.

7 Q. Breaking that down a bit, what did Cabrera tell you about
8 what he would give to the defendant?

9 A. When we would complain to Cabrera about how much money he
10 would give us, he told us the only reason he gave us only a
11 little bit of money was because he had to pay the pharmacist,
12 which was Danny.

13 Q. Did he tell you he was giving the pharmacist anything else?

14 A. He also would call us and let us know different
15 prescriptions that Danny would want us to get.

16 Q. What kind of prescriptions would Danny want you to get?

17 A. I know one time it was some Motrin that you take for your
18 muscles for pain. And one time he asked for foot medicine.

19 Q. Were any of your other medications filled with him?

20 A. Yes, my psych medication was also filled with Danny.

21 Q. Were you yourself ever at the defendant's pharmacy?

22 A. I never went in, but I went with Cabrera and I sat in the
23 truck and watched him talk to Danny.

24 Q. Why did you stay in the truck?

25 A. Because Danny didn't want nobody to come to the pharmacist

1 other than Cabrera. And Danny said Robert can come.

2 Q. While you were sitting in the truck, were you able to
3 observe the defendant and Cabrera?

4 A. Yes. They were standing outside talking because of the
5 fact that there was a young lady working in Danny's office and
6 Danny didn't want her to hear what him and Cabrera was talking
7 about.

8 MR. KEHOE: Objection, your Honor. There is no
9 identification of who is speaking at this point.

10 MR. RICHMAN: I can lay a foundation, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right.

12 Q. Did Cabrera tell you anything about his conversation with
13 the defendant?

14 A. Yes. Cabrera was talking to Danny in reference to the fact
15 that we wanted the prescriptions that he had to be filled.

16 Q. Did Cabrera tell you anything about why they were talking
17 outside the pharmacy?

18 A. Yes. Cabrera said that there was a young lady, that there
19 was a female in the pharmacy that Danny didn't want to see
20 talking to him.

21 Q. Did he tell you why he didn't want the female to see them
22 talking?

23 A. Excuse my language. He said he can't stand it when that
24 bitch is there because then Danny can't be seen doing what he
25 needs to do for us.

1 Q. Did you ever speak to Danny on the phone?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. How many times?

4 A. Once. I called Danny because when I was at Dr. Feygin's
5 office I had needed a printout, and I called Danny and asked
6 him would he send the printout to Dr. Feygin's office.

7 Q. Did anyone from the pharmacy ever call you?

8 A. Yes. A young lady called me once and told me that my -- I
9 received a phonecall, and it was a young lady, a female,
10 telling me that my prescriptions was ready. And I was like,
11 what's your address? Then she gave me the address. So then I
12 knew it was Danny's pharmacy, and I said okay and I hung up. I
13 later on told Cabrera that Danny called me.

14 Q. Did the defendant ever ask you about your pain?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Did the defendant ever ask you if you had HIV?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did the defendant ask you about any ailments related to any
19 of the medications that you filled at his pharmacy?

20 A. No.

21 Q. Do you know whether Cabrera ever called the defendant?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. How do you know that?

24 A. Because I was with him at one time when he had called
25 Danny.

1 Q. How often would they speak?

2 A. Any time that any of us that was going to the doctor's,
3 Cabrera would call Danny and let him know who was going to the
4 doctor's. Any time Danny was going to be out of town on
5 vacation, he would call Cabrera and make him aware that he
6 wasn't going to be in the pharmacy.

7 Q. Did you ever overhear any conversations between Cabrera and
8 the defendant?

9 A. Yes. Them I've heard him tell them that it was Sheri
10 Bowen's turn. I've heard him call and ask him where he's at,
11 how long before he would be there.

12 Q. Ms. Bowen, are you familiar with the term "home health
13 aide"?

14 A. Yes, I am.

15 Q. How are you familiar with that term?

16 A. I wanted to be one.

17 Q. Do you know if Mr. Cabrera was a home health aide?

18 A. No.

19 Q. Did you ever hear Mr. Cabrera tell anyone he was a home
20 health aide?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Do you believe Mr. Cabrera was presenting himself as a home
23 health aide?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Are you familiar with the requirements to be a home health

1 aide?

2 A. Yes. I know you cannot have a felony, you can't be on
3 drugs.

4 Q. How do you know that?

5 A. Because I wanted to be one, so I had to find out the
6 qualifications.

7 Q. Do you know if Mr. Cabrera could have qualified as a home
8 health aide?

9 MR. KEHOE: Objection, Judge. Competency to give a
10 conclusion as to that.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 Q. Have you ever talked to Mr. Cabrera about his prior
13 criminal history?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. Do you know if Mr. Cabrera has prior felony convictions?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Do you know if Mr. Cabrera therefore could have qualified
18 as a home health aide?

19 MR. KEHOE: Objection.

20 THE COURT: Sustained. You can save that for
21 summation if you wish.

22 It wasn't any better on the second try than on the
23 first.

24 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

25 Q. Based on your interactions with Mr. Cabrera, did you ever

1 think he was a home health aide?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Why not?

4 A. For one, he wore shorts and flip-flops every day. He had a
5 look of being dirty, not someone that you would hire to take
6 care of anyone in your family.

7 Q. Any other reason?

8 A. No.

9 Q. Did you ever see Mr. Cabrera give the defendant money?

10 A. No.

11 Q. If you yourself needed to pick up an everyday medication,
12 would you go to the defendant's pharmacy?

13 A. No.

14 MR. KEHOE: Objection, your Honor. Pure speculation.

15 THE COURT: No, overruled. The answer "no" will
16 stand.

17 Q. Where would you go?

18 A. I would go to the pharmacist closest to me.

19 Q. Why wouldn't you go to the defendant?

20 A. Because when Cabrera would get your prescriptions, the
21 extra ones, he would save them to have when he would take other
22 people's oxycodones. So that means it takes a minute before
23 you get your medication.

24 Q. Was there a time when Mr. Cabrera stopped going to the
25 defendant?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. How do you know that?

3 A. Because Cabrera had a meeting with everybody, and he told
4 us that Danny said he would no longer take our prescriptions
5 because Robert Hespeth was red flagged.

6 Q. What was your understanding of what he meant by "red
7 flagged"?

8 A. That Robert Hespeth was being investigated.

9 Q. Ms. Bowen, do you presently take any medications?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. What medications?

12 A. Zoloft, Abilify, and Seroquel.

13 Q. Why do you take those medications?

14 A. Because I'm depressed, manic depressive.

15 Q. How do these medications affect you?

16 A. Seroquel makes me sleep, and Abilify and Zoloft is for my
17 depression.

18 Q. Do they have any effect on your ability to think?

19 A. No.

20 Q. How about on your memory?

21 A. No.

22 Q. Are you currently taking your medications?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What happens when you don't take your medications?

25 A. I don't think anything happens; but my family members point

1 out to me that my behavior changes.

2 Q. You said that you were arrested in 2016 for the oxycodone
3 conspiracy. Was that the first time you were involved with
4 drugs?

5 A. No.

6 Q. When did you first become involved with drugs?

7 A. In my 20s.

8 Q. Approximately when was that?

9 A. 30 years ago.

10 Q. Where were you living at the time?

11 A. North Carolina.

12 Q. During that period of time did you commit any other crimes?

13 A. Yes, I did.

14 Q. What kinds of crimes?

15 A. Shoplifting, prostitution, possession of drugs.

16 Q. Had you been arrested for some of these crimes?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Have you been incarcerated for some of these crimes?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. At some point during this time period were you involved in
21 a romantic relationship?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Did there come a time when you had an incident with the
24 individual that you were involved with?

25 A. Yes. My son's father used to beat me half to death.

1 Q. What happened in response?

2 A. One time I was cooking, and the rat poison was there and I
3 had put some in his food. And one time I had put some in his
4 pills, but when he went to take them, I took them out of his
5 hands and flushed them in the toilet.

6 Q. Did anything happen to you when you did this?

7 A. No.

8 Q. Did there come a time when you moved out of North Carolina?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. When was that?

11 A. I'd say about 25 years ago. 25 years ago, I was about 25.

12 Q. After leaving North Carolina, where did you live.

13 A. New York.

14 Q. After returning to New York, did you continue to deal in
15 drugs?

16 A. Yes, I did.

17 Q. How did you deal in drugs?

18 A. I used to take them. I used to get high, so possession
19 with distribution. And I used to get my drugs and I also would
20 traffic them.

21 Q. Were you arrested in connection with this trafficking?

22 A. Yes, I was.

23 Q. What happened?

24 A. I got sentenced to 5 years.

25 Q. Where were you arrested?

1 A. St. Thomas.

2 Q. What were you doing in St. Thomas when you got arrested?

3 A. I was bringing drugs back to New York.

4 Q. After being sentenced to those 5 years, were you eventually
5 released from prison?

6 A. Yes, I was.

7 Q. Where did you go?

8 A. Back to New York.

9 Q. Were you still using drugs at this time?

10 A. Yes, I was.

11 Q. Were you caught using drugs?

12 A. Yes, I was.

13 Q. What happened when you were caught using drugs?

14 A. I went to jail.

15 Q. How long did you go to jail for?

16 A. I believe 3 years. I'm not exactly sure. I believe 3
17 years.

18 Q. After serving that time in jail, were you released?

19 A. Yes, I was.

20 Q. When you were released, did you continue to use drugs?

21 A. The last time I was released, no.

22 Q. Prior to that, did you serve time in Rikers Island?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. While you were in Rikers Island, did you engage in any
25 criminal behavior?

1 A. Yes. I sold crack and heroin.

2 Q. Once you were released from Rikers, were you still using
3 drugs?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Were you arrested during this time?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did you serve jail time?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you undergo a competency evaluation?

10 A. Yes. The judge sent me to Mid-Hudson for an evaluation for
11 my mental.

12 Q. Did the evaluation determine that you were competent?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. When was this that you were released from that stint?

15 A. The last one was 2009.

16 Q. Since then, have you continued to use or deal drugs?

17 A. No. I relapsed one time, but other than this case, no.

18 Q. When was the one time that you relapsed?

19 A. When my daughter's father died.

20 Q. Since being arrested, have you pled guilty to your
21 involvement in the oxycodone conspiracy that you described
22 today?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. At the time of your plea, did you have an agreement with
25 the government?

1 A. Yes, I did.

2 Q. Was it an oral agreement or a written agreement?

3 A. A written agreement.

4 MR. RICHMAN: Permission to approach, your Honor?

5 THE COURT: Yes.

6 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you.

7 Q. Ms. Bowen, I'm showing you what's been marked for
8 identification as Government Exhibit 1100. Do you recognize
9 that document?

10 A. Yes, I do.

11 Q. How do you recognize that document?

12 A. It's my plea agreement.

13 MR. RICHMAN: Your Honor, the government offers
14 Government Exhibit 1100.

15 MR. KEHOE: No objection, Judge.

16 THE COURT: Received.

17 (Government's Exhibit 1100 received in evidence)

18 Q. Directing your attention to the last page of that document,
19 is that your signature?

20 A. Yes, it is.

21 Q. Before you signed this document, did you review it with
22 your attorney?

23 A. Yes, I did.

24 Q. As part of this agreement, did you plead guilty to crimes?

25 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. What crimes did you plead guilty to?

2 A. Conspiracy with oxycodone and filling out -- falsifying a
3 document.

4 Q. In connection with the conspiracy to distribute oxycodone,
5 how many crimes did you plead guilty to?

6 A. Also Medicaid fraud.

7 Q. Briefly, can you tell us what made you guilty of I think
8 you termed it lying on documents.

9 A. I didn't fill out the document correctly.

10 Q. What was that in connection with?

11 A. Food stamps.

12 Q. Why did you plead guilty to these crimes?

13 A. Because I'm guilty.

14 Q. Have you been sentenced for these crimes?

15 A. No, I haven't.

16 Q. What is your understanding of the maximum sentence you face
17 as a result of your guilty plea?

18 A. 35 years.

19 Q. When you were first arrested by federal agents in
20 connection with this case, what crime were you charged with?

21 A. Conspiracy with oxycodone.

22 Q. To your knowledge, how did the government learn about the
23 other crimes that you pled guilty to?

24 A. I told them.

25 Q. What is your understanding of your obligations under this

1 cooperation agreement?

2 A. I sit down and meet with the agents, I testify, and I tell
3 the truth.

4 Q. What is your understanding of what the government will do
5 if you do all of the things required by you in this agreement?

6 A. They will give me a 5K letter.

7 Q. What is your understanding of the type of information that
8 goes into a 5K letter?

9 A. All the negative and positive things I've done.

10 Q. What is your understanding of who receives that letter?

11 A. The judge.

12 Q. What sentence do you hope to receive?

13 A. I pray every night for probation.

14 Q. If the government writes this letter, what is the maximum
15 sentence you can receive?

16 A. 35 years.

17 Q. Do you know what you will be sentenced to?

18 A. No, sir.

19 Q. Were you promised any particular sentence?

20 A. No, sir.

21 Q. What is your understanding of what happens if you lie
22 today.

23 A. They tear up my letter.

24 Q. Is your cooperation agreement ripped up?

25 A. Yes, it is.

1 Q. Can you write your guilty plea?

2 A. No, I can't.

3 Q. What is your understanding of what happens if your
4 cooperation agreement gets ripped up?

5 A. Then I can't go under the guidelines.

6 Q. What is your understanding of whether the outcome of this
7 trial has any effect on whether you receive that letter?

8 A. I has no effect.

9 MR. RICHMAN: One moment, your Honor?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 Q. Ms. Bowen, other than the people you talked about during
12 your testimony, do you know any other individuals that Mr.
13 Cabrera was using during the course of this oxycodone
14 distribution?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. Who are some those other individuals?

17 A. John O'Foy, Jorge Perez, Will, and there are some that I
18 have seen but I don't know their names.

19 MR. RICHMAN: No further questions, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Cross-examination.

21 MR. KEHOE: Yes, your Honor. If I might have just one
22 moment?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 CROSS-EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. KEHOE:

1 Q. Good morning, Ms. Bowen. My name is Greg Kehoe. I
2 represent Mr. Gohari.

3 A. Good morning.

4 MR. KEHOE: Judge, may I proceed?

5 THE COURT: Yes.

6 Q. Ms. Bowen, based on your testimony this morning, you have
7 been abused by quite a few men in your life emotionally and
8 physically.

9 MR. RICHMAN: Objection, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Ground?

11 MR. RICHMAN: Characterization.

12 THE COURT: Overruled.

13 Q. Is that right, Ms. Bowen?

14 A. Just one.

15 Q. Just one. Did any of these men abuse you emotionally?

16 THE COURT: Excuse me. The answer was just one. Then
17 you said did any of these men, which by its very wording means
18 more than one.

19 Q. The person you're talking about, is that physical abuse?

20 A. Yes, it is.

21 Q. Did any of these men abuse you emotionally?

22 MR. RICHMAN: Objection.

23 THE COURT: You're doing it again. It's one.

24 MR. KEHOE: That was physically, Judge.

25 THE COURT: Excuse me?

1 MR. KEHOE: If I can, I was talking about abuse
2 physically.

3 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Forgive me. Let's start again
4 on that last question.

5 Q. If at any point my question isn't clear, I apologize. We
6 talked this morning about some physical, physical, abuse you
7 received, and it came from one man, is that right?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. That was your former husband?

10 A. My baby daddy.

11 Q. Emotionally, did any of the men in your life abuse you
12 emotionally?

13 A. I don't know. What's your definition of emotionally?

14 Q. We'll get into that a little bit later and maybe clarify it
15 with some questions down the line. You yourself, ma'am, to
16 clarify a little bit, I think you told us you were getting some
17 psychiatric medicines. Did you need those psychiatric
18 medicines?

19 A. Yes, I do.

20 Q. What do you suffer from?

21 A. Bipolar.

22 Q. Do you also have schizophrenia?

23 A. Not that I know of. I'm not sure.

24 Q. With all due respect, did you tell the government that you
25 were suffering from a bipolar disorder? Do you recall telling

1 the government that you suffer from a bipolar disorder and
2 schizophrenia?

3 A. That's part of the bipolar. That's part of, what you say,
4 bipolar disorder. Manic depressive.

5 Q. I'm sorry. Schizophrenia is part of the bipolar disorder?

6 A. What is the definition of schizophrenia?

7 Q. Let me back up here if I can. Do you recall telling the
8 government on June 1st of 2016, several months ago, that you
9 suffer from a bipolar disorder and schizophrenia? Do you
10 recall telling them that?

11 A. I recall saying bipolar disorder.

12 Q. You don't recall schizophrenia?

13 A. I really don't recall.

14 THE COURT: Sustained.

15 Q. The medications I think you were taking for this were
16 Abilify and Seroquel and Zoloft, is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You continue to take those now?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Ma'am, because of some of these unfortunate psychiatric
21 conditions -- you are considered to be poor, right? You get
22 paid in assistance from Social Security?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I think also in addition to aid from Social Security --
25 that includes food stamps, doesn't it?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. That includes Medicaid?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. I think there was a period of time when you were on welfare
5 as well?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You were considered to be disabled, were you not?

8 A. On welfare?

9 Q. Were you considered to be disabled to enable you to get
10 welfare?

11 A. No.

12 Q. With regard to your drug use, were you in fact, with all
13 due respect, a former addict?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. So you had that issue as well?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. That included, I think, smoking crack cocaine?

18 A. Yes, it did.

19 Q. Now let us turn to some of the issues in this case, Ms.
20 Bowen, if we could, directly. I think you told us that you met
21 Mr. Cabrera through the Bread & Life?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Mr. Cabrera wasn't working there, was he?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Bread & Life is a soup kitchen, isn't it?

1 A. Food pantry.

2 Q. I'm sorry?

3 A. Food pantry.

4 Q. It's a place for a the homeless and the poor to come in and
5 get a meal?

6 A. Get a meal, learn how to work computers, get aid, have
7 classes, spiritual growth.

8 Q. Just to help people out, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Usually the people that are there are unemployed and have
11 physical and mental problems, many of them?

12 A. I can't say. I don't know their deepest background.

13 Q. It is through this that you met Cabrera, who first started
14 talking to you about his oxycodone scheme, is that right?

15 A. Excuse me? Rephrase that.

16 Q. It was as a result of your meeting at the Bread & Life with
17 Cabrera that you were introduced into this oxycodone scheme,
18 right?

19 A. No. When I met him, there was no oxycodone scheme at the
20 time.

21 Q. Did he come up with it thereafter, after that?

22 A. A few years after, yes.

23 Q. A few years after that?

24 A. About a year and a half after, yes.

25 Q. Was he dealing with Alberto Nazario at that point?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. By the way, when did you meet Cabrera?

3 A. I don't know the exact date.

4 Q. But it was two years prior to getting involved in this
5 oxycodone scheme?

6 A. I'm not sure. I think so. Not sure.

7 Q. He offered you this participation where he paid you for
8 going to doctors, right?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. Your role was to go to the doctor and get an oxycodone
11 prescription and give that oxycodone prescription to Cabrera?

12 A. Correct, or anybody that he sent with me.

13 Q. Who did he send with you? Did he come with you sometimes?

14 A. Yes, he dropped me off, yes.

15 Q. Who else came with you?

16 A. Will came with me, Alberto came with me, Robert came with
17 me.

18 Q. That would be Alberto Nazario, is that right?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. The Robert is Robert Hespeth?

21 A. Correct.

22 Q. That's Mr. Cabrera's nephew?

23 A. Correct.

24 Q. I think you told us that he would pay you, Cabrera, when
25 you gave him the prescription, he would pay you a hundred

1 dollars, \$200, \$300?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. This was, what, for 90 30 mg pills for a month?

4 A. It was different amounts. Sometimes 60.

5 Q. When you got the 90, you sold those to him too?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Did he tell you for the 90 30 mg pills he was sometimes
8 making \$2700 on that?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Did he tell you that he sometimes made up to several
11 thousand dollars based on that?

12 A. No.

13 Q. At the time this was going on, he was in fact giving you
14 somewhere between 100 and \$200, but you don't know how much he
15 was selling it for, is that accurate?

16 A. That's accurate.

17 Q. And he never told you?

18 A. He never told me the exact amount, no.

19 Q. You noted in your direct examination that Cabrera told you
20 that he wasn't giving you more money because he was paying
21 Danny, is that right?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When did he tell you that?

24 A. Will had came to me and was telling me about how his cousin
25 said that we was getting ripped off, we could get more money.

1 And I asked Cabrera about it.

2 Q. Let me get this. Stop me if I'm wrong. Will said to you
3 that Cabrera was ripping you off and that you could get more
4 money?

5 A. Ripping us off and we could get more money.

6 Q. Ripping us off and you could get more money. You asked
7 Cabrera about it?

8 A. Right.

9 Q. He told you that he had to pay off Danny Gohari?

10 A. Yes, he did.

11 Q. But he didn't tell you how much he was paying Danny Gohari?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Did he tell you how often he was paying Danny Gohari?

14 A. No. Let me rephrase that. He did say every time he went
15 to the pharmacy he had to pay Danny.

16 Q. So every time he went to the pharmacy, he had to pay off
17 Danny Gohari?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. That came from Cabrera?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. You sold other medications to Cabrera, like your HIV
22 medication, right?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. I think you noted for us that during this period of time
25 you might have had other drugs in your system, is that right?

1 A. Back then?

2 Q. When you were doing all this --

3 A. No, I didn't. Other than my psych meds, no.

4 Q. But it is a fact with regard to some of the HIV
5 prescriptions that you got someone else with HIV to give you
6 their blood to take to a doctor, didn't they?

7 A. Not in the beginning.

8 Q. It did happen, did it not?

9 A. At the end.

10 Q. Who gave you this HIV blood?

11 A. The name was Karen.

12 Q. You took her HIV blood into the doctor to get an HIV
13 script?

14 A. No, that's not how it went.

15 Q. Let's back up a second. When you were going in to get an
16 HIV prescription from a doctor, you went in there with blood
17 from a person who had HIV, did you not?

18 A. Yes. It was Karen's blood.

19 Q. With Karen's blood, the doctor wrote you a script for HIV?

20 A. He was already writing me the scripts.

21 Q. After you had the blood, he wrote you a script, did he not?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. Going back to Mr. Cabrera, I think you talked to us a bit
24 about Tonya Freeman and Stefone Holliman.

25 MR. KEHOE: May I have one moment, Judge?

1 Q. You talked to Stefone Holliman about getting oxycodone and
2 getting scripts that you could sell thereafter, didn't you?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Tell me about that.

5 A. Stefone Holliman was already getting oxycodones.

6 Q. Did you say that you could get him money for those
7 oxycodone pills?

8 A. He was already getting money for them.

9 Q. Was he getting it from Cabrera?

10 A. No. He was already working with a different gentleman.

11 Q. Who was that different gentleman?

12 A. I don't know him.

13 Q. Was that also true of his girlfriend Tonya Freeman?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. You introduced Tonya Freeman and Stefone Holliman to
16 Cabrera to get them involved in his oxycodone scheme, right?

17 A. They had asked me did I know somebody that could fill their
18 scripts, and I introduced them to Cabrera.

19 Q. Then for a period of time you were getting paid by Cabrera
20 for having brought Stefone Holliman and Tonya Freeman to him,
21 did you not?

22 A. No. Cabrera was giving me the money to give them, and I
23 was taking some of it.

24 Q. You were just keeping it as payment, in your mind, as
25 payment for bringing them together?

1 A. No. That was for running around.

2 Q. How much was Cabrera paying to Tonya Freeman and Stefone
3 Holliman?

4 A. I think he was giving them like 2 or \$300. I don't
5 remember.

6 Q. Total or each?

7 A. Each.

8 Q. These were for 90 30 mg tablets?

9 A. I really never looked. I'm not sure.

10 Q. During this period of time you considered Mr. Cabrera to be
11 a friend, didn't you?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. He ultimately cut you out of direct transactions with
14 Holliman and Tonya Freeman, didn't he?

15 A. Not that I know of.

16 Q. You introduced Holliman and Freeman to Cabrera. You were
17 getting the money from Cabrera to pay Holliman and Freeman,
18 right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. Shortly thereafter Cabrera began to pay them directly,
21 didn't he?

22 A. I didn't know that.

23 Q. Do you recall telling the government on April 14, 2016,
24 that a few months after introducing Cabrera, Holliman, and
25 Freeman, he cut you out?

1 A. No, I don't remember saying that.

2 Q. You don't recall saying that?

3 A. He didn't cut me out. They stopped giving me the scripts.

4 Q. I'm looking at 3503-1.

5 MR. KEHOE: May I approach, Judge?

6 THE COURT: Yes.

7 Q. Will you take a look at this document. Just read that

8 bottom paragraph, please. Don't tell us what it says. I'm

9 going to ask you if that refreshes your recollection as to what

10 you told the FBI.

11 A. It says Bowen was cut out. It didn't say by whom.

12 Q. Who cut you out?

13 A. Tonya and Stefone.

14 Q. Staying with Mr. Cabrera, is it not a fact that Mr.

15 Cabrera, I think you told us you were taking Abilify and

16 Seroquel, is that right? And those are psychiatric

17 medications?

18 A. They was given to me by my psychiatrist, yes.

19 Q. Did Mr. Cabrera sell those? Did he sell your Abilify?

20 A. Not when I first met him.

21 Q. He took your Abilify, which you needed, and he sold them?

22 A. When I first met him, yes.

23 Q. Did he tell you that he did that?

24 A. Excuse me?

25 Q. Did he tell you that he was selling your Abilify that you

1 needed?

2 A. Yes. That's how I met him.

3 Q. No, no. When he took your Abilify and sold it, did he tell
4 you that he was doing it?

5 A. When I first met him, he didn't take them. I gave it to
6 him. That's how I met him.

7 Q. Thereafter, did he take them if you and sell them?

8 A. After that, no, sir.

9 Q. He paid you, what, \$50 for those?

10 A. When I first met him.

11 Q. Staying with Mr. Cabrera, I believe you testified you
12 thought he was a friend at this point?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you recall telling the FBI that Mr. Cabrera preys on
15 people?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. When you say he preys on people, he takes advantage of
18 people, doesn't he?

19 A. That's not what I mean when I say he preys on people.

20 Q. When you say he preys on people, what do you mean?

21 A. Basically, the ones that he deals with is on drugs, so he
22 trades them drugs for their prescriptions. So he uses drugs to
23 pay them instead of money.

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1 BY MR. KEHOE:

2 Q. So, when Mr. Cabrera knows that somebody, for instance, is
3 smoking crack cocaine, he will take their prescriptions and pay
4 them in crack cocaine?

5 A. Well, basically what happens is they will come to him and
6 ask him for some drugs and tell him take the money from the
7 prescriptions.

8 Q. Were these people who were asking him for drugs, were they
9 addicts?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And who were these people?

12 A. I really don't know their names. I really don't know their
13 names. I can't really say. I don't know their names.

14 Q. You mentioned I think about knowing their names. If we get
15 the scenario correct, when you say he preyed on people, he was
16 doing business with drug addicts, was he not, and then taking
17 their scripts and paying drug addicts with crack or heroin or
18 whatever; is that right?

19 A. Say that again.

20 Q. Mr. Cabrera, when you said that he preys on people, he has
21 a dealing with, for instance, a crack user, and he gets the
22 crack user to sell the prescriptions to him in return for crack
23 cocaine.

24 A. No.

25 MR. RICHMAN: Objection, your Honor. Form.

1 THE COURT: Sustained.

2 Q. Well, do you recall any -- do you recall telling the -- let
3 me withdraw that question.

4 Did you ever observe or know of Mr. Cabrera
5 threatening any of these patients that were part of the ring?

6 A. I've heard about it, yeah.

7 Q. And did you hear that from -- tell us what victims were
8 threatened.

9 MR. RICHMAN: Objection, your Honor. It calls for
10 hearsay.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 Q. Well, do you know of a situation -- do you recall telling
13 the F.B.I. --

14 THE COURT: No, no, no, no. Whether or not it was
15 stated in some other forum does not allow in hearsay.

16 MR. KEHOE: I understand, Judge.

17 Q. Now, you talked about some of the patients that were part
18 of this ring. I believe counsel asked you about a series of
19 them, and I think one of them you included was George Nazario?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And I think another one was Mr. George or Jorge Tirado?

22 A. I didn't say that.

23 Q. But do you know Jorge Tirado?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Well, Mr. Nazario, do you know -- just staying with

1 Mr. Tirado --

2 A. I don't know him, Tirado.

3 Q. That's fine. And if I can just ask, you were asked some
4 questions about a home health aide, whether or not Cabrera was
5 a home health aide person. Do you recall that?

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. And you said no.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. But you also told us that you overheard some conversations
10 on the telephone between Danny Gohari and Mr. Cabrera, did you
11 not?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Did you ever hear Cabrera talking on the phone to a doctor
14 or a medical facility that he was taking care of George Tirado
15 at a psych facility?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Did you ever hear Mr. Cabrera telling Mr. Gohari that he
18 was in fact at a psych evaluation for George Tirado?

19 MR. RICHMAN: Objection.

20 A. I'm not even sure who George Tirado is.

21 THE COURT: Are you withdrawing the objection?

22 MR. RICHMAN: Yes, I will withdraw the objection.

23 Thank you.

24 Q. Did you ever hear Mr. Cabrera ever telling Mr. Gohari that
25 he was at a doctor's appointment -- any doctor's appointment --

1 with anyone?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Now, did you know Ben Darin?

4 A. No.

5 Q. And you didn't know Mr. Tirado.

6 A. No.

7 Q. So, you were never part of any conversations or overheard
8 any conversations about those individuals between Mr. Gohari
9 and Mr. Cabrera.

10 A. No.

11 Q. Now, this entire scheme, the person that was in control or
12 was running the scheme was Mr. Cabrera, wasn't it?

13 A. Correct.

14 Q. And I think you just -- correct me if I'm wrong, but I
15 think you told us in response to some questions by counsel that
16 you had a car accident in 2014.

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. And then you began to get oxycodone from another doctor as
19 a result of that.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And who was that doctor?

22 A. Dr. Una.

23 Q. By the way, you also talked about Dr. White at one point.
24 Do you recall that?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And did Dr. White ultimately throw you out of the office or
2 throw other people from Cabrera's scheme out of the office
3 because he suspected what you were doing?

4 A. No, not that I know of. That's not why he threw me out.
5 That's not why he discontinued me.

6 Q. Well, Dr. White discontinued you, didn't he?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Now, the whole idea of bringing the urine in with oxycodone
9 remnants in there, that was Mr. Cabrera's idea, wasn't it?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And that initially started by shaving the oxycodone pills
12 into the urine?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And that again was Mr. Cabrera's idea?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. And a doctor was suspicious of that when it had happened,
17 because the oxycodone level was too high; is that right?

18 A. No.

19 THE COURT: I'm sorry. I heard a sound, but I
20 didn't --

21 MR. RICHMAN: She answered. I was going to object
22 because it calls for hearsay, but the answer came in.

23 THE COURT: All right. When there is an objection,
24 you need to wait a minute so I can rule on the objection. OK?

25 THE WITNESS: OK.

1 Q. Ms. Bowen, let's just step back. The urine that was being
2 used with the oxycodone to take into the doctor's office was
3 Mr. Cabrera's urine, wasn't it?

4 A. Yes, it was.

5 Q. And he was the one who gave it to you, either himself or
6 through Mr. Hespeth; is that correct?

7 A. That's correct.

8 Q. And you had nothing to do with that part of the scheme, did
9 you?

10 A. The urine, no.

11 Q. Now, at one point I think you noted in response to some
12 questions by counsel concerning pain gels, and you said that
13 Cabrera told you that Danny wanted you to get pain gels?

14 A. Yes.

15 Q. And this was after your car accident, right?

16 A. No, beforehand.

17 Q. Well, you in fact got pain gels on several occasions,
18 didn't you?

19 A. Before the car accident.

20 Q. And in fact the pain gels that you had, that you used for
21 your back, do you remember you were using the pain gel for your
22 back?

23 A. When I first got them, no.

24 Q. Do you recall using a pain gel for your back?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. OK. And it worked, didn't it?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. So, the suggestion was if you had pain in the back, to get
4 pain gel to alleviate that pain, it was a good suggestion,
5 wasn't it?

6 A. In the beginning my back wasn't hurting.

7 Q. You got pain gel, right? You had pain. You put it on your
8 back, right?

9 A. When I first got the pain gel, I had no pain.

10 Q. When you got the pain gel, you put it on your back; it
11 alleviated the pain, didn't it?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Now, I think you noted again in response to questions by
14 cocounsel -- by counsel for the government -- that you
15 understood that Mr. Gohari wanted some other medications
16 besides oxycodone; is that right?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. You didn't speak to Mr. Gohari about that, did you?

19 A. Cabrera told me.

20 Q. Cabrera was the person that told you, right?

21 A. Cabrera told me that that's what Danny wanted, yes.

22 Q. And this is Cabrera who set up the doctor appointments,
23 right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Who gave you the urine, right?

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Took you to the doctors appointments; is that right?

3 A. Yes, sometimes.

4 Q. Or Mr. Hespeth or Mr. Nazario, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. And he is also the person that told you that Mr. Gohari
7 wanted these other prescriptions.

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Now, he also told you that -- did he also tell you that
10 Mr. Gohari would tell you what prescriptions to get?

11 A. He said he told him to tell us what prescriptions he
12 wanted.

13 Q. Now, again, with regard to what prescriptions there were to
14 get, you didn't talk to Mr. Gohari about that, did you?

15 A. No, I didn't.

16 Q. And Mr. Gohari never told you to get certain prescriptions,
17 did he?

18 A. No, he didn't.

19 Q. And, in fact, putting Mr. Cabrera aside, you don't know of
20 Mr. Gohari telling any of these patients in this scheme what
21 prescriptions to get, do you?

22 A. That's correct.

23 Q. Now, I think you also said that Mr. -- let me just shift
24 gears a little bit about going into the pharmacy now, if we
25 can. And you recall a few questions by counsel for the

1 government concerning going to the pharmacy, into the pharmacy?

2 Do you recall those questions?

3 A. I recall him asking me some questions, yes.

4 Q. That's all right. It's just a topic area; I just want to
5 make that change.

6 A. OK.

7 Q. Now, I think you said in response to questions by counsel,
8 that Mr. Cabrera said you weren't allowed to go into the
9 pharmacy.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. And I think it was that you weren't supposed to know things
12 about Gohari and the pharmacy?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. Well, that's again information that you got from Cabrera,
15 isn't it?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. And you never got that information from Mr. Gohari.

18 A. No.

19 Q. Now, did you not go into the pharmacy on a couple of
20 occasions?

21 A. Danny's pharmacy?

22 Q. Yes.

23 A. Never.

24 Q. Well, you did in fact see Mr. Gohari.

25 A. Yes, I did.

1 Q. And again Mr. Gohari never in fact said to you don't come
2 to the pharmacy, don't do this or don't do that, did he?

3 A. He didn't see me.

4 Q. Excuse me?

5 A. He didn't see me.

6 Q. Now, Cabrera, did he also tell you that the only person
7 Gohari wants to communicate is with Cabrera?

8 A. Robert was allowed to drop it off if Cabrera called Danny
9 first.

10 Q. So Cabrera told you that he had to call Danny first.

11 A. Robert told me.

12 Q. OK. So, Robert told you that he had to call Danny first.

13 A. Yes, Robert was waiting on Cabrera to call Danny so he
14 could drop off the prescriptions.

15 Q. Again, this information about whether or not this
16 communications with Mr. Cabrera, it is either Cabrera or
17 Hespeth who told you that Gohari, Danny Gohari, only wanted to
18 communicate with either of those two, right?

19 A. Correct.

20 Q. And, again, that didn't come from Danny Gohari, did it?

21 A. Cabrera said it did.

22 Q. Right. Just to take this one step further, I think you
23 noted for us in response to questions by counsel, that the
24 pharmacy called you on one occasion?

25 A. Yes. A lady called me and told me that I had prescriptions

1 that was ready. And I asked her for the address, and she told
2 me, and I said thank you.

3 Q. Well, and that was under Sheri Bowen.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And there was no problem talking or communicating with this
6 person in the pharmacy, was there?

7 A. I don't understand.

8 Q. Well, you said this lady called you from Mr. Gohari's
9 pharmacy to tell you that you had a script waiting.

10 A. That I had --

11 Q. That you had a prescription waiting.

12 A. Prescriptions ready.

13 Q. And she never told you, for instance, this is the last
14 phone call you're going to get from this pharmacy, did she?

15 A. No.

16 Q. This was a normal conversation between a pharmacist filling
17 one of your prescriptions and calling you as a patient,
18 correct?

19 MR. RICHMAN: Objection, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Sustained.

21 Q. Well, sir -- ma'am -- excuse me. When you communicated
22 with this woman, did she tell you that Cabrera should call the
23 pharmacy?

24 A. No.

25 Q. Did she tell you that Hespeth should call the pharmacy?

1 A. No.

2 Q. And in fact you told Cabrera about this conversation,
3 didn't you?

4 A. I told her -- I told Cabrera that Danny called.

5 Q. And was it Danny calling?

6 A. It was his pharmacist; it was his pharmacy that called.

7 Q. But you in fact told Cabrera about it, didn't you?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. And you wanted to make sure that the person that was in
10 charge of this scheme knew that the pharmacy called you, right?

11 A. No. The reason why I told him about it is because my psych
12 medication has a refill, and that mean he did not pick up my
13 refill. And since I couldn't go to the pharmacy, he had to go
14 get it.

15 Q. Now, did you ever talk to Mr. Gohari on the phone?

16 A. Yes, I called him and told him that I needed my
17 prescription printout sent to the doctor's office.

18 Q. And when you talked to him, Ms. Bowen, did Mr. Gohari --
19 and that's Danny Gohari, the gentleman that's at the table
20 there, right --

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. -- did he tell you not to call the pharmacy?

23 A. Well, from what my understanding is, Cabrera called him
24 first.

25 Q. Did he tell you not to call the pharmacy?

1 A. No.

2 Q. Did he tell you that the only person he dealt with was
3 Cabrera?

4 A. No.

5 Q. Did he tell you that the only person he wanted to deal with
6 was Cabrera?

7 A. No.

8 Q. So, in fact when you called him to ask for this
9 information, he got the information and sent it to the doctor's
10 office, didn't he?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Now, I think you were talking about coming to the pharmacy,
13 and Cabrera brought you to the pharmacy.

14 A. Correct.

15 Q. And he brought you to the pharmacy and you sat in the car,
16 didn't you?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. And he brought you to the pharmacy because if the
19 pharmacist had some questions, you would have to come in.

20 A. No, I was riding with him because we was going to have sex
21 afterwards.

22 Q. Oh, you were riding with him just because you were going to
23 have sex afterwards.

24 A. Yes, we were going somewhere to do something afterwards.

25 Q. Now, when Cabrera was picking up your medication from

1 Mr. Gohari's pharmacy, the psychiatric medication, etc., he was
2 in fact delivering it to you, wasn't he?

3 A. Hespeth was.

4 Q. Excuse me?

5 A. Robert would give it to me.

6 Q. I stand corrected. When it was picked up by either Hespeth
7 or by Cabrera, they would in fact deliver it to you.

8 A. Yes, they would.

9 Q. And this was in fact medication that you needed.

10 A. Yes, it was.

11 Q. And these were the prescriptions that were filled at
12 Mr. Gohari's pharmacy, right?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. And those are the medications that you still get?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. I mean I think you mentioned that you get Seroquel was one
17 of the medications you still get?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. And you continue to get it?

20 A. From a different pharmacist.

21 Q. I understand, but that you were getting it from
22 Mr. Gohari's pharmacy, and after this meeting that Cabrera had
23 with all of you, you got it from another pharmacy, right?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. And did there come a time when that Seroquel went generic?

1 A. Years ago.

2 Q. OK. But you continued to receive -- even after it went
3 generic, you continued to receive it from Mr. Gohari's
4 pharmacy, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Now, after this meeting -- by the way, who was at this
7 meeting that Cabrera had where he told you that the Hespeth
8 situation had come up and that Danny wasn't going to be able to
9 deal with you anymore?

10 A. It was Robert, Will, Cabrera and myself was in the truck.
11 Well, they was in the truck and I was leaning on it.

12 Q. And this was a meeting that was set up by Cabrera?

13 A. Robert had called me and told me that Cabrera wanted to
14 talk to me.

15 Q. OK. But the meeting -- based on that you concluded that
16 this was a meeting that was set up by Cabrera.

17 A. Yes, a meeting between me and Cabrera, yes.

18 Q. And after that meeting, Cabrera just moved his oxycodone
19 ring to another pharmacy, didn't he?

20 A. Actually before the meeting. I'm not sure. I can't answer
21 that. I'm not sure.

22 Q. Well, after Mr. Gohari said -- after this meeting, you and
23 Cabrera and Hespeth continued doing the oxycodone trading in
24 another pharmacy, didn't you?

25 A. I'm not sure, because Cabrera dealt with it. I think he

1 did. Yes, I think so.

2 Q. And that was a Duane Reade pharmacy, wasn't it?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Well, what pharmacy was it?

5 A. I don't know.

6 Q. And who was the pharmacist that was part of this
7 transaction in the second pharmacy?

8 A. I don't know.

9 Q. Well, did you go to that pharmacy?

10 MR. RICHMAN: Objection, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Sustained.

12 Q. Well, you in fact pleaded guilty, ma'am, to an oxycodone
13 transaction going into 2016, and Mr. Gohari stopped dealing
14 with you. Who was it that you were doing this oxycodone
15 transaction into 2016?

16 MR. RICHMAN: Objection, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Someone remind me. I thought it was a
18 conspiracy count.

19 MR. RICHMAN: It is.

20 THE COURT: That's not the same as a transaction,
21 unless there is a specific transaction referred to.

22 Q. Well, a conspiracy continued into 2016, did it not?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. OK. And you and Cabrera and Hespeth and others were
25 dealing with another pharmacy to get your oxycodone.

1 MR. RICHMAN: Objection, your Honor.

2 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, this is part of the conspiracy
3 charged by the government.

4 THE COURT: No, I'm not sure it is. I'm not sure it
5 matters whether it is or not. I think it is fair game to
6 inquire about other dealings she may have had at that time, so
7 you may inquire about that, regardless of whether it fits
8 within the charge or not.

9 MR. KEHOE: Yes, your Honor.

10 Q. Ma'am, we are talking about the other pharmacy that you in
11 fact began to deal with with Mr. Cabrera after you stopped
12 dealing or getting any prescriptions filled at Mr. Gohari's
13 pharmacy. What was that other pharmacy?

14 A. I don't know. The only pharmacist that I ever really heard
15 about was Danny's.

16 Q. Well, after you stopped with Danny, you continued to get
17 oxycodone, and Cabrera was taking it to another pharmacy to get
18 filled, wasn't he?

19 A. Towards the end I wasn't really close to Cabrera as for
20 knowing what he was doing.

21 Q. Ma'am, it's accurate to say -- well, it's true, is it not,
22 that all the information that you have about transactions with
23 Mr. Gohari, discussions with Mr. Gohari, what Mr. Gohari wanted
24 to do, what he didn't want, that all came from Mr. Cabrera,
25 didn't it?

1 A. That's correct.

2 MR. KEHOE: May I have one moment, Judge?

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 MR. KEHOE: Thank you very much, Ms. Bowen. Thank you
5 very much. I have no further questions.

6 THE COURT: Any redirect?

7 MR. RICHMAN: Just one moment, please, your Honor.

8 No redirect, your Honor. Thank you.

9 THE COURT: Thank you very much. You may step down.
10 Please call your next witness.

11 MS. ESTES: The next witness we will call is Maura
12 Hayes-Chaffee.

13 MR. KEHOE: May I just discuss this witness at side
14 bar, your Honor?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MR. KEHOE: If I may, Judge, this might be an
3 appropriate time for the issue concerning Dr. Naveed and not
4 naming him as a coconspirator and not telling us that he was a
5 coconspirator and not giving 404(b) notice.

6 This witness is going to talk about transactions that
7 took place in Dr. Naveed's office involving HIV and other
8 issues that have nothing to do with this conspiracy. And they
9 also have a witness that's getting on the stand that has no
10 personal knowledge concerning the validity or invalidity of any
11 of the prescriptions written by Dr. Naveed.

12 THE COURT: Well, all right, let me find out. What's
13 this witness basically going to say?

14 MS. ESTES: The witness will summarize transactions
15 from Dr. Naveed's office that were dispensed at the defendant's
16 pharmacy. From 2010 to 2012 there were millions of dollars of
17 HIV transactions.

18 THE COURT: This is the summary witness that we went
19 through before.

20 MS. ESTES: The summary witness.

21 THE COURT: And I already ruled on what could and
22 could not be presented by this witness and essentially that she
23 was a summary witness of voluminous documents, so I don't
24 understand the objection.

25 MR. KEHOE: The objection is that this involves

1 transactions that have nothing to do with this case. We have
2 thousands of transactions that the government wants to put in
3 involving hundreds and hundreds of patients. Five of those
4 patients were patients that are in this oxycodone conspiracy.

5 What the government is seeking to do is to put these
6 prescriptions in concerning Dr. Naveed without one shred of
7 evidence that these prescriptions were improper.

8 THE COURT: All right. So, remind me more
9 particularly what is this witness going to summarize?

10 MS. ESTES: So, from 2010 to 2012 we have a list of
11 all the transactions, Dr. Ahmad prescriptions that were
12 dispensed at the defendant's pharmacy. In 2011, over 75
13 percent of the defendant's Medicaid billings were from
14 Dr. Ahmad.

15 Now, the defendant's entire defense in this case is
16 that he was acting in good faith. We believe we have shown
17 that he knows that Dr. Ahmad was a dirty doctor, because we
18 have had evidence of the Eugene Seaman transactions yesterday,
19 where the expert testified that these were duplicative, that
20 there were all of these problems with the transactions. We
21 have presented evidence the defendant was handing out business
22 cards at the doctor's office, which has been described as a
23 place where people were handing out scripts left and right.
24 And we have also presented evidence that the defendant directly
25 told Cabrera to send his patients to Dr. Ahmad.

1 THE COURT: So, I think defense counsel is right, this
2 raises the issue that I flagged. So, what I will do is give
3 the jury an early break, and we will take that up before we
4 call the next witness.

5 MR. KEHOE: Thank you, your Honor.

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1 (In open court)

2 THE COURT: Ladies and gentleman, anticipating, with
3 the great foresight that I have that Juror 11 wanted a break,
4 we are going to give you your midmorning break now for about 20
5 minutes.

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1 (In open court; jury not present)

2 THE COURT: Please be seated. So, here is my
3 recollection of the situation, and then I will hear from
4 counsel.

5 The government was directed to list all the
6 coconspirators, and at some point they did so, and Dr. Ahmad
7 was not listed as a coconspirator. Do I have that right?

8 MR. KEHOE: Yes, your Honor. Your Honor, you did
9 direct us to list the coconspirators. We sent a letter on July
10 8 disclosing the names of the people who we presented at trial
11 that were working directly with Cabrera.

12 In our opposition to the motion for a bill of
13 particulars, we also hereby disclose that at trial the
14 government will offer evidence regarding fraudulently obtained
15 HIV drugs which were prescribed by Dr. Naveed Ahmad and
16 dispensed at Afam.

17 THE COURT: That's very interesting. Let me see that.

18 This, however, was in your opposition to their request
19 for a bill of particulars.

20 MS. ESTES: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right. So, then I ordered the bill of
22 particulars in respect to the names of the coconspirators. And
23 who were listed as the coconspirators?

24 MS. ESTES: I'm not sure your Honor actually ordered
25 it. We have never prepared an actual bill of particulars.

1 THE COURT: Is that right? Well, now my recollection
2 needs to be refreshed. Normally -- maybe I just did it orally.
3 I mean my normal practice is to require the disclosure of the
4 names of coconspirators. And I recall that in the motion in
5 limine there was an assertion by the defense that Dr. Ahmad had
6 not been listed as a coconspirator, so ...

7 MS. ESTES: The disclosures we made are those listed
8 in the document. We sent that letter --

9 THE COURT: Well, you better tell me right now who are
10 the coconspirators.

11 MR. KEHOE: I can give you a list, Judge, what they
12 gave us.

13 THE COURT: Well, let me see. Was this in writing?

14 MR. KEHOE: It was actually two transactions -- two
15 e-mails.

16 THE COURT: Two transactions constituting a
17 conspiracy? Go ahead.

18 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, Ms. Hamarati is looking for
19 the actual documents. We cited them in our motion papers, but
20 I can tell you the name --

21 THE COURT: But I want to see them.

22 MR. KEHOE: OK.

23 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, I would just note that I think
24 our position -- we wavered a little -- but that he is not
25 necessarily a coconspirator but it's still relevant.

1 THE COURT: No, no, relevance is undisputed. I have
2 already concluded that even at the side bar. If you are saying
3 he is a coconspirator, then the question was whether you misled
4 the counsel into believing he was not, and then what follows
5 from that, if anything.

6 If you are saying he is a coconspirator, then the
7 question is whether you have changed your position. And I want
8 to find out what the state of play was previously, but the
9 first question I have -- which you need to answer
10 definitively -- is are you claiming now he is a coconspirator,
11 yes or no?

12 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, we are not going to argue in
13 closing that he is a coconspirator.

14 THE COURT: OK. So, who are you going to say? Well,
15 let me put you on notice that when I charge the jury, I'm going
16 to want a list of who you say are the coconspirators. And I
17 also think, since he will not be listed, some of the fears that
18 defense counsel expressed at side bar earlier are totally
19 immaterial, because there will be no claim that he is a
20 coconspirator.

21 Now, that doesn't mean that transactions involving him
22 are not relevant. But before we get to that, the key question
23 is -- the government says they're not going to say he's a
24 coconspirator. Therefore, if the defense assertion is that
25 they were led to believe he's not a coconspirator, they weren't

1 misled, because they are still saying he is not a
2 coconspirator.

3 So, now the question becomes if he is not a
4 coconspirator, what transactions involving him, if any, are
5 relevant to this case.

6 So, the ones that were referred to when this came up
7 earlier this morning at side bar were of the form I was
8 directed by Cabrera -- and I can't remember in that case or
9 only in the case of the other doctor did she say it -- that
10 Cabrera said Danny told me to do it -- but, in any event, that
11 would be a reasonable inference either way -- to go to this
12 particular doctor. The clear implication being that this is a
13 doctor who we are confident we can get to sign off on these
14 prescriptions. That doesn't make the doctor a coconspirator,
15 but it makes the fact that they went to him relevant, because
16 the suggestion is this is not someone who the ultimate
17 customers are voluntarily or of their own medical reasons going
18 to this particular doctor; it's someone they are, if you will,
19 artificially directed to because the conspirators want them to
20 go to that particular person. And that seems to me highly
21 relevant. The jury, of course, may disagree with any of those
22 inferences, and defense counsel is free to argue against those
23 inferences, but that seems to me highly relevant.

24 So, before we get to the witness who is about to come
25 up, let me stop there and hear anything defense counsel wants

1 to say about what I've said so far.

2 MR. KEHOE: Yes, your Honor, several issues. The
3 primary issue -- well, the first issue, not the primary,
4 because they are all extremely important -- in the August 4
5 hearing counsel for government said We believe that the only
6 relevant Ahmad patient files are going to be the ones related
7 to the 20 coconspirators, the members of this crew that were
8 going to the pharmacy and getting their prescriptions filled
9 there.

10 Now, we have this witness coming up with literally
11 hundreds and hundreds of patients, with thousands of scripts,
12 and of those --

13 THE COURT: OK. So, you are addressing what I want
14 you to address next, but I just want to make sure before we get
15 to this the relevance vel non of this coming witness, anything
16 you wanted to say about what I said about the previous witness
17 or the fact that Ahmad is not a coconspirator, etc?

18 MR. KEHOE: No.

19 THE COURT: OK. So then let's turn to this witness.

20 MR. KEHOE: So then with regard to what the government
21 said --

22 THE COURT: So, just to make the record clear, so the
23 objection that was made at the side bar with respect to the
24 previous witness's testimony regarding Dr. Ahmad is overruled
25 for the reasons I just stated.

1 MR. BACHNER: I'm sorry. I haven't had a chance to
2 speak. Can I have a chance to address?

3 THE COURT: You want to disagree with your cocounsel?

4 MR. KEHOE: He wants to help me out.

5 MR. BACHNER: I want to clarify my position on that,
6 because I haven't had a chance to speak to Mr. Kehoe about it.

7 Judge, our position is that the testimony that came in
8 regarding Dr. Ahmad, that we are concerned that the jury can
9 draw the conclusion -- that I think the government wants them
10 to draw, which I this is erroneous based on the fact that he is
11 not a coconspirator -- that Mr. Gohari somehow was implicated
12 and aware that Mr. Ahmad was giving out phony HIV scripts. He
13 is not a conspirator in the case.

14 THE COURT: No, I think they do want to draw that
15 inference. Why is that not a reasonable inference that they
16 can argue? That doesn't make the doctor a coconspirator; it
17 just means he is someone that it's easy to get prescriptions
18 from.

19 MR. BACHNER: Well, I think the government's theory of
20 the ease to get the scripts is that Dr. Ahmad is writing
21 scripts, based upon the testimony we've heard, without doing
22 any testing, without doing any of the necessary information.

23 THE COURT: Yes, yes. That doesn't mean he entered
24 into an agreement with your client to distribute oxycodone.
25 They might have wanted to make that assertion, but they've

1 chosen not to. The main effect of this is twofold: First, the
2 jury will be instructed if they find that there is a
3 conspiracy, they must find that there was an agreement that
4 meets the various requirements between your client and X, Y and
5 Z, who will be specified. And Dr. Ahmad will not be specified.
6 So, they know that he is not someone who they have to consider
7 as a coconspirator. And I will consider whether even saying
8 specifically to them at the time that means that everyone else
9 you have heard about is not part -- you cannot convict on the
10 basis of any supposed agreement between the defendant and
11 anyone else.

12 Second, it means if there were hearsay statements
13 offered from Dr. Ahmad -- which I don't think there have
14 been -- but anyway, if there were, they would not be admissible
15 on a coconspirator exception. Those are the two things that
16 follow.

17 I mean all the time, just to take the most obvious
18 example, people get together in conspiracies, and maybe they
19 need an illegal gun, so they go off to a guy who they know will
20 sell them an illegal gun, but it doesn't make the guy who they
21 get the illegal gun from a member of the overall conspiracy,
22 but it certainly is relevant that they went off and got an
23 illegal gun rather than a legal one. And that's the sort of
24 argument they're making with respect to Dr. Ahmad.

25 MR. BACHNER: But they're also arguing that Mr. Gohari

1 was -- I'm concerned they're going to argue that Mr. Gohari was
2 aware.

3 THE COURT: Yes. So what? Of course he was aware
4 under their theory; I understand that's their argument.

5 MR. BACHNER: But he's not --

6 THE COURT: That doesn't make Dr. Ahmad a
7 coconspirator.

8 MR. BACHNER: Well, our position, your Honor, most
9 respectfully, is that the jury should be instructed that Dr.
10 Ahmad is affirmatively not considered a conspirator in this
11 case and Mr. Gohari is not charged with engaging in any
12 conspiratorial conduct with Mr. Ahmad.

13 THE COURT: That will be a meaningless instruction at
14 this time, but I will consider --

15 MR. BACHNER: I don't need it now, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: -- I will consider making that instruction
17 at the time of the charge. I think that is certainly a very
18 plausible possibility. Yes?

19 MR. BACHNER: Your Honor, if I can just follow up on
20 one other thing, because what we have had during the course of
21 the case is several instances in which the government is trying
22 to argue that the doctors were in fact part of what was going
23 on here, the conspiracy.

24 For example, they elicited evidence of these doctors
25 doing cooked prescriptions, look how many scripts are being

1 filled all at one time, arguing that Mr. Gohari should have
2 been on notice that these doctors were doing bad things, and
3 other instances of these doctors engaging in conduct --

4 THE COURT: I mean we have to take each case
5 individually, but as a general proposition, assuming they can
6 provide the evidentiary basis for that inference, that is fine.
7 That does not make the doctors coconspirators, it makes them --

8 I come back to my analogy of a minute ago. If you are
9 about to have a great big drug conspiracy, and you need weapons
10 because it may very well involve violence, so you and your
11 coconspirators say, oh, well, I know we can get an unlicensed
12 weapon illegally from Joe, and someone says, oh, and, you know,
13 we can also get an unlicensed weapon illegally from Sam, and so
14 they go off and they get weapons from Joe and Sam, neither Joe
15 nor Sam are members of a conspiracy, the drug conspiracy. But
16 the knowledge of the defendants to the coconspirators that
17 these were people from whom they could get illegal guns is
18 highly relevant to assessing the mental state of the
19 coconspirators and their conspiracy, and that's I think -- the
20 government will correct me if I'm wrong -- that's essentially
21 the argument that's about been made here. Yes?

22 MR. BACHNER: Judge, they are not going to be arguing
23 that the doctors were aware that they were filling bad scripts,
24 in other words, that they're giving the gun with knowledge
25 there is a conspiracy.

1 THE COURT: OK, that is a fair point. Let me find
2 out, what is the government's position on that?

3 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, we have to prove that the
4 defendant lacked good faith when he filled these prescriptions.
5 Their entire defense is that the doctors were being duped, that
6 the defendant was being duped by somebody else. Showing that
7 he sent patients to a doctor that he knew was writing
8 fraudulent prescriptions is highly relevant.

9 THE COURT: Thank you, you are repeating my analogy.
10 My question to you is: Is there anything else you are going to
11 be arguing beyond what you've just said?

12 MS. ESTES: I don't believe so, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: OK. The specific concern that defense
14 counsel just raised is are you going to be arguing that the
15 doctors knew that they were supplying phony prescriptions to
16 Mr. Cabrera and/or Mr. Gohari?

17 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, we will only repeat what, for
18 instance, Ms. Bowen said, she obtained an HIV prescription.

19 THE COURT: No, no, no, answer my question, counsel.

20 MS. ESTES: OK.

21 THE COURT: Are you going to be arguing that the
22 doctors or any of them knew that they were supplying phony
23 prescriptions to the conspirators here, the alleged
24 conspirators?

25 MS. ESTES: No, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: OK, so there is your answer.

2 MR. BACHNER: Fine, Judge. Then all of this testimony
3 about the scripts being written by these doctors --

4 THE COURT: No, no, no. The doctors may well have
5 known that they were supplying false prescriptions. It's
6 neither here nor there. The question is whether they knew they
7 were supplying it as part of this conspiracy.

8 Again, I come back to my gun analogy: Does the gun
9 dealer in my analogy know he is supplying an illegal gun? Of
10 course he does; that's the whole point. But does he know
11 anything about the drug conspiracy that he is supplying the
12 guns for? No.

13 But they just told me they're not going to be arguing
14 anything about the doctor's knowledge, in any event.

15 MR. BACHNER: I am going to make one more point and
16 sit down and accept your Honor's ruling with whatever
17 exceptions we have made.

18 Our position, your Honor, is if there is a conspiracy
19 between the doctor and the person with whom he is writing the
20 script to, and the doctor is unaware that there is another
21 conspiracy with -- he knows it's being filled by a pharmacist
22 and perhaps he doesn't know if the pharmacist is aware or not
23 aware -- once the conspiracy is proven, I don't think every
24 conspirator has to know exactly what the other conspirators are
25 doing. So, if the guy supplying the gun knows it's a bank

1 robbery being done by someone --

2 THE COURT: Well, you obviously are a more aggressive
3 prosecutor than the ones here, and if you were bringing the
4 charge, you would charge the doctors as coconspirators, but
5 they have chosen not to do that.

6 MR. BACHNER: Very good.

7 MR. KEHOE: With regard to this particular witness,
8 Judge.

9 THE COURT: Yes.

10 MR. KEHOE: And just as a taking-off point from my
11 learned friend, if we look at what the government said, as I
12 noted at the April 4 hearing, "The only relevant Ahmed patient
13 files that were going to be filled at Gohari's pharmacy, the
14 only relevant ones are the ones involving the 20
15 coconspirators." They said we believe the only relevant
16 patient files -- talking about Ahmad's office -- are going to
17 be the ones related to 20 coconspirators, the 20 members of
18 this crew that were going to the pharmacy and getting their
19 prescriptions filled.

20 THE COURT: OK. So that seems to me to be a separate
21 point, and so let me ask the government about that.

22 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, this was relating to the 80 or
23 so boxes that we produced from the Brooklyn District Attorney's
24 office. As to Ms. Hayes-Chaffe, she is not going to be going
25 through and talking about like transactions of people we

1 haven't identified here and saying they're fraudulent in any
2 way. She is summarizing the volume of transactions and the
3 sort of drugs that are coming up. And they have had this data
4 since June.

5 THE COURT: Well, no, no, I'm more concerned about the
6 representation. The relevancy -- if the pharmacist knows that
7 75 percent of his prescriptions are coming from one doctor,
8 that is relevant to his knowledge of suspicious circumstances.
9 It's not by any means conclusive obviously; it's just one fact,
10 so I have no problem with the relevancy of that. But what I
11 have a problem with is the representation that counsel just
12 quoted you as having made, because you used the word relevant,
13 and you said -- and maybe you can repeat it again, counsel.

14 MR. KEHOE: Yes, your Honor. This is August 4, 2016
15 hearing, page 16, lines 2 to 10: "We believe the only relevant
16 patient files are going to be the ones related to the 20
17 coconspirators, the 20 members of this crew that were going to
18 the pharmacy and getting their prescriptions filled."

19 THE COURT: OK. But the government says that was in
20 reference -- the key word there in their view is "files,"
21 because what they're saying is that this was with relevance to
22 these huge boxes, and the question of how much you had to look
23 at or didn't have to look at.

24 MR. KEHOE: This had to do with the broadening of this
25 issue which had not been timely disclosed, and counsel came in

1 to say, look, the only ones that we're interested in are the
2 people that are involved in the stated conspiracy, the 20 or
3 people.

4 THE COURT: No, I understand that, but my point is
5 this: They're not introducing anything here from the other
6 files. What they're introducing here is simply the overall
7 statistic of the percentage of prescriptions coming from Dr.
8 Ahmad.

9 MR. KEHOE: Not true. And if I could just show you
10 Government Exhibit 318.

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 MR. KEHOE: I should say not accurate.

13 THE COURT: I understood what you meant. You said it
14 without even pointing your finger.

15 MR. KEHOE: Now, Judge, for the record is clear, I
16 wasn't pointing the finger at you. It was just a gesture, and
17 I was pointing over in your direction, but it was not meant to
18 be at you. I have been around long enough to know not to do
19 that. And my apologies if it came across that way.

20 THE COURT: Duly accepted.

21 MR. KEHOE: Thank you, Judge.

22 THE COURT: So, what this again shows is the -- let me
23 make sure -- I see what GX318 is, but let me just make sure I
24 understand what this witness is going to be saying about Dr.
25 Ahmad.

1 MS. ESTES: Yes, your Honor. So, this witness will
2 testify -- this document is what forms the basis of the volume
3 of sales for Dr. Ahmad. She will testify -- we have a summary
4 chart where she will say that in 2011 over 75 percent of the
5 Medicaid sales to the business were from Dr. Ahmad. This is
6 the underlying document that documents the summary chart.

7 We also have her prepared to offer testimony just
8 about the top prescriptions that came from Dr. Ahmad, Atripla,
9 things like that. But if your Honor thinks that's
10 inappropriate, we can only do the summary chart with the 77
11 percent.

12 THE COURT: I think the rest of it would have been
13 something that would have been in those files that you said
14 were not relevant, yes?

15 MS. ESTES: Well, your Honor, the rest of it is merely
16 from that same document. This document is the one --

17 THE COURT: Right. But the specifics relating to what
18 was involved in those prescriptions would have been in those
19 other files, right?

20 MS. ESTES: I mean, your Honor, we would only be --
21 she would be summarizing that.

22 THE COURT: Now, what is it that you are asking the
23 jury to infer from the fact that 75 percent of the
24 prescriptions in that period of time that were Medicaid
25 reimbursed were from Dr. Ahmad?

1 MS. ESTES: We believe we have evidence that the
2 defendant was aware that something was going on at Dr. Ahmad's
3 office from the testimony of Mr. Cabrera, from the testimony of
4 the expert witness yesterday about those transactions, and we
5 believe this document supports that because it shows that 75
6 percent of his billings were coming from Dr. Ahmad. He was
7 very attuned to prescriptions coming from this doctor because
8 it's such a high volume, a very unusual volume for one
9 pharmacy.

10 THE COURT: But I'm still not quite sure. So,
11 assuming -- by the way, I'm not sure how you connect up the
12 fact that 75 percent was coming from Dr. Ahmad with the fact
13 that he knew that there was such a high percentage. But let's
14 say you can show that. So, he is aware of the high volume
15 coming from one doctor, and what inference then do you ask the
16 jury to draw from that?

17 MS. ESTES: And based on the other evidence relating
18 to Dr. Ahmad, that he is not acting in good faith when he is
19 asking Cabrera to send patients to Dr. Ahmad.

20 THE COURT: Because?

21 MS. ESTES: Because he knows from going to Dr. Ahmad's
22 office and handing out business cards that this is an office
23 where people are handing out scripts left and right; he knows
24 from the transactions from Eugene Seaman, that the expert
25 talked about yesterday, that there are extreme irregularities

1 in these transactions, which is something a pharmacist should
2 notice.

3 THE COURT: OK. So, let me hear from defense counsel.

4 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, this of course is not a good
5 faith case, it's an intent case. That's number one.

6 THE COURT: Well, no, no, no, but you've raised a good
7 faith defense.

8 MR. KEHOE: Well, in his offering, yes.

9 THE COURT: And the government is required to disprove
10 that beyond a reasonable doubt.

11 MR. KEHOE: And, Judge, if we address what counsel had
12 to say. They are taking these scripts, that large volume of
13 scripts, and they're going to put a witness on the stand that
14 is not competent to testify on the validity or invalidity of
15 any of those scripts.

16 THE COURT: That's right. The witness is being put on
17 the stand, as I understand it, to testify to the fact that it
18 was a suspicious circumstance -- she won't use those terms;
19 that's the inference -- when 75 percent of all the
20 prescriptions are coming from this one doctor, and that,
21 coupled with all the other circumstances that she just alluded
22 to, is, first, evidence that he had reason to believe that
23 these were not legitimate prescriptions because there were too
24 many suspicious circumstances and, second of all, it's
25 corroboration of the conspiracy more directly stated by

1 Cabrera. So, that seems to me doubly relevant.

2 MR. KEHOE: If I may, Judge, in following up. And
3 your Honor I know doesn't know this, but first and foremost Dr.
4 Ahmad's office is around the corner from the pharmacy, number
5 one. Number two --

6 THE COURT: Well, that's good argument to the
7 contrary.

8 MR. KEHOE: No, I understand, Judge. And, number two,
9 obviously their expert had plenty of time to sift through any
10 of this stuff, and they only talked about the five
11 coconspirators or five transactions with Dr. Naveed, no more.

12 Number three, the only relevance to this document by
13 their admission -- if it comes in at all -- is records coming
14 in concerning the coconspirators, not every patient that went
15 into the doctor's office.

16 They narrowed the relevancy of any of Ahmad's records
17 to the coconspirators. And I will tell your Honor that only
18 five of these 20 coconspirators went to Ahmad's office. And
19 what they have elected to do is put all of these patients in
20 with all of these transactions, which have nothing to do with
21 this whatsoever.

22 THE COURT: I'm inclined to adopt the government's
23 position that all they're going to put in is the 75 percent,
24 because that's the only relevance that they are asserting.

25 MR. KEHOE: No, but that's exactly the point. We have

1 the same point there.

2 THE COURT: No, no, no. You are free to argue that
3 you haven't heard, ladies and gentlemen, any direct evidence
4 that the vast bulk of what he prescribed was illegal in any
5 respect; the only ones you have heard that were questionable
6 are the five, or whatever it is. That's a fair argument.

7 But the government is not putting it in for saying
8 that the other ones are illegal. They're putting it in to say
9 this is one of innumerable circumstances relating to this
10 doctor that should have alerted your client to a problem.

11 MR. KEHOE: And rhetorically speaking, Judge, which
12 ones? That's the problem.

13 THE COURT: No, they're saying it's not which ones.
14 That's the very point. They're saying -- and that's why I'm
15 only allowing in the 75 percent -- they're saying it's the
16 volume that should have alerted him, not necessarily any given
17 one.

18 MR. KEHOE: And the volume should have alerted him to
19 question all of these transactions?

20 THE COURT: No. The volume, when coupled with those
21 other circumstances that are already in evidence regarding him,
22 should have made him more suspicious about the particular
23 transactions that they say have additional indicia of
24 suspiciousness.

25 MR. KEHOE: And that then comes to the next point,

1 which is, OK, with regard to these transactions of the 75
2 percent, which ones are invalid? Which ones are valid? Which
3 ones were properly written?

4 They had the time -- and I know your Honor has seen
5 these before in FCA cases, where the government has a record
6 such as this, they have a statistical sampling of those
7 records, they take it to a physician or an expert who renders
8 an opinion, and they extrapolate that out to say based on this
9 statistical sampling, we believe these are improper because
10 these weren't medically necessary, etc.

11 They have not done that. They elected not to do that,
12 and maybe because they came up with this idea at the eleventh
13 hour. Suffice it to say, what they are attempting to do is
14 say, Mr. Gohari, 75 percent of his income is coming from Ahmad
15 and it's a bad thing, it's a bad thing. They want the jury to
16 draw the inference it's a bad thing without going --

17 THE COURT: No, no, that's unfair. They are saying
18 it's a suspicious service -- and then we are going to bring
19 this to a close, but I do have one question to the government.

20 The one point that in effect defense counsel raised --
21 but I will raise it more directly -- implicit in the argument
22 you are making is that 75 percent of prescriptions coming from
23 a single doctor to a neighborhood pharmacy is suspicious on its
24 face. Dr. Winsley didn't say that, I don't believe -- what is
25 the evidence of that? I mean, for all I know, that might be

1 routine. It sounds unlikely, but the government has not put
2 forth any evidence that the normal situation is 10 percent and
3 this is 75 percent, or the normal situation is whatever. So,
4 how is the jury going to assess that?

5 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, Maura Hayes-Chaffe is with New
6 York City's HRA; she oversees an investigation department
7 there. She will testify that they began this investigation
8 because they saw this and they thought it was atypical.

9 THE COURT: They thought it was atypical?

10 MS. ESTES: Atypical.

11 THE COURT: I see. And she can testify to that.

12 MS. ESTES: Yes.

13 MR. KEHOE: The investigation, counsel leaves a big
14 part of this out. The investigation came because of Dr. Ahmad.
15 That's how this investigation started, because of Dr. Ahmad.

16 THE COURT: So what?

17 MR. KEHOE: They then went back and investigated
18 Mr. Gohari. They went to the Kings County's DA's office. They
19 declined. They declined.

20 THE COURT: I think that's irrelevant to the
21 admissibility question. But let me get -- bring in the
22 witness. I want to question her.

23 DEPUTY COURT CLERK: Please be seated. State your
24 name and spell it slowly for the record.

25 THE WITNESS: My name is Maura Hayes-Chaffe. First

1 name is spelled M-A-U-R-A, and the last name is spelled
2 H-A-Y-E-S hyphen C-H-A-F-F-E.

3 THE COURT: So, my understanding is that you will be
4 testifying that from your review of Mr. Gohari's pharmacy's
5 records, and more particularly the records of Medicaid
6 reimbursement, that 75 percent or so of the reimbursement
7 sought during a particular period of time were for
8 prescriptions coming from a Dr. Ahmad. Do I have that right?

9 THE WITNESS: Yes, that's correct.

10 THE COURT: And was that percentage typical or
11 untypical of neighborhood pharmacies of this kind?

12 THE WITNESS: That was atypical.

13 THE COURT: And what's your basis for saying that?

14 THE WITNESS: We did a review of all pharmacies who
15 had filled prescriptions from Dr. Ahmad.

16 THE COURT: No, no, no, that's not my question. If
17 you know, for pharmacies as a whole -- and then we will break
18 it down -- but for pharmacies as a whole, what's the normal
19 percentage or percentage range of prescriptions coming from a
20 single doctor?

21 THE WITNESS: Well, the basis of my experience is many
22 years in Medicaid fraud and abuse and waste investigation. I
23 would say I couldn't nail it down to a particular percentage,
24 but it is very unusual for a pharmacy to have a particular tie
25 to a particular prescriber.

1 THE COURT: Well, I understand, but is that, even
2 though you don't know an exact figure, the normal is like of
3 the range of five or 10 percent? Or less? What is the basis
4 for your saying that it's very abnormal?

5 THE WITNESS: Typically a pharmacy will have a spread
6 of claims from a spread of prescribers.

7 THE COURT: And is that true even, if you will, as
8 opposed to CVS type pharmacies, is that true of local sort of
9 mom and pop type pharmacies?

10 THE WITNESS: So far as I know, yes.

11 THE COURT: And when you say so far as you know, have
12 you ever broken it down in that respect?

13 THE WITNESS: No, we haven't done a full comparison,
14 but when we reviewed the records of this pharmacy, one of the
15 things that we considered a clear red flag was the very heavy
16 reliance on claims from a particular doctor.

17 THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much. You can
18 go back to the witness room. We will call you back in a few
19 minutes.

20 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

21 (Witness not present)

22 THE COURT: So, I think it comes down to -- and I
23 really am going to not spend more than five more minutes on
24 this matter, because the jury has been waiting now for 45
25 minutes while we had a "15 minute break" and we are only

1 sitting to one o'clock today because of the defendant's
2 religious observances.

3 I don't know that this witness is in a position to
4 really testify more than in sort of a gut way, sort of her
5 feeling that this is abnormal from an expert standpoint. I
6 think she may be able to testify that it's abnormal from a kind
7 of Coho Tire standpoint, but even there I have some doubts.

8 But I think, when coupled with all the other
9 information about this pharmacy and the defendant's knowledge
10 with respect to this pharmacy, it is nevertheless
11 corroborative, when coupled with the rest, of circumstances
12 that would have put a reasonable pharmacist on notice that
13 there was something fishy going on.

14 I also think the jury from just ordinary lay
15 experience can infer that this was at a minimum something that
16 would catch the eye of the defendant.

17 So, subject to letting defense counsel have one last
18 crack at it, I will allow the testimony about the 75 percent,
19 but that's as far as it goes, and the rest will be left to
20 argument on summation. Let me hear whatever else defense
21 counsel wants to say.

22 MR. KEHOE: So I take it that she is not going to be
23 able to argue that it is suspicious.

24 THE COURT: Correct.

25 MR. KEHOE: The other issue on this document, with

1 regard to her competency to testify, she did not do the
2 investigation; she did not actually conduct this investigation.
3 This investigation was conducted by third parties.

4 THE COURT: Yeah. So that's a classic summary witness
5 situation. All she is going to be able to say is that at her
6 direction any relevant Medicaid records were reviewed and what
7 they showed for the relevant period is that 75 percent of the
8 prescriptions came from Dr. Ahmad, full stop.

9 MR. KEHOE: And I know your Honor has ruled on this,
10 and my only footnote to that is that given the fact that a
11 representation by counsel concerning the only relevance in this
12 was for the 20 patients, that we limit it to the
13 coconspirator's name. And I will tell you as an officer of the
14 court that only five of the coconspirators named by the
15 government are on that list.

16 THE COURT: And there is no question that you have
17 made that and numerous other objections, all of which are
18 clearly preserved for the record with respect to this
19 testimony.

20 MR. KEHOE: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: All right. I hope none of you need a
22 break, because I want to bring in the jury.

23 MR. KEHOE: Judge, with all due respect.

24 THE COURT: Yes, all right, five minutes.

25 (Recess)

1 (Jury not present)

2 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, may I put something on the
3 record? It will take ten seconds. The issue I have is as I
4 look at it, the chart is going back to 2011, the conspiracy we
5 have in the indictment is 2012.

6 THE COURT: This is not claimed to be an act in
7 furtherance of the conspiracy. It is just supposed to be a
8 suspicious circumstance. If he had been prescribing 75 percent
9 of the prescriptions from 1897, that would still be relevant.

10 Let's bring in the jury.

11 MR. KEHOE: Note our objection.

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1 (Jury present)

2 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, we're sorry that
3 that break took so long. Counsel had to raise, did raise, some
4 important legal issues that I had to consider. Being by nature
5 a very slow thinker, it took a long time. But here we are.

6 Please call your next witness.

7 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government calls Maura
8 Hayes-Chaffe.

9 MAURA HAYES-CHAFFE,

10 called as a witness by the government,

11 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

12 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government would first
13 propose reading a stipulation into the record.

14 THE COURT: Go ahead.

15 MS. ESTES: It is hereby stipulated and agreed by and
16 between United States of America --

17 THE COURT: You can skip the prologue.

18 MS. ESTES: Yes, your Honor.

19 If called as a witness at trial, a custodian of
20 records from the New York State Department of Health would
21 testify that Government Exhibits 300 through 325 are true and
22 accurate copies of records obtained from DOH; that the original
23 records were all made at or near the time by or from
24 information transmitted by a person with knowledge of the
25 matters set forth in the records; that they were kept in the

1 ordinary course of DOH's regularly conducted business activity,
2 and that it was the regular practice of that business activity
3 to make the records.

4 The DOH custodian of records would further testify
5 that the information contained in Government Exhibits 300
6 through 325 comes from pharmacies who submit the information
7 electronically to get paid by Medicaid. DOH collects the
8 information for every prescription billed to Medicaid, and it
9 is capable of generating reports indicating information
10 relevant only to a particular pharmacy or patient.

11 It is further stipulated and agreed that this
12 stipulation, which is Government Exhibit 1003, may be received
13 into evidence as a government exhibit at trial.

14 Your Honor, at this time the government would offer
15 Government Exhibit 1003, the stipulation, as well as Government
16 Exhibits 300 through 325.

17 THE COURT: Received.

18 (Government's Exhibits 300 through 325 and 1003
19 received in evidence)

20 DIRECT EXAMINATION

21 BY MS. ESTES:

22 Q. Good morning.

23 A. Good morning.

24 Q. Where are you currently employed?

25 A. I work for New York City's Human Resources Administration.

1 Q. What is the Human Resources Administration?

2 A. HRA, as it is commonly known administers functions of
3 Department of Social Services and is responsible for
4 administering welfare benefits, housing benefits, and Medicaid
5 benefits, various other forms of welfare for the needy in New
6 York City.

7 Q. What is your title?

8 A. My title is assistant deputy commissioner of Medicaid
9 provider investigations and audit.

10 Q. How long have you been assistant deputy commissioner in
11 that department?

12 A. For about three and a half years. I started in July of
13 2013.

14 Q. What sort of work does that department do generally?

15 A. We generally conduct audits and investigations of Medicaid
16 providers.

17 Q. What are your duties and responsibilities as the assistant
18 deputy commissioner?

19 A. I basically oversee about 50 staff and three units of
20 investigators and auditors.

21 Q. What are those units?

22 A. I have an audit unit which conducts audits and I have a
23 civil and also criminal investigations unit.

24 Q. During the course of your work with the Human Resources
25 Administration, did you become familiar with Afam Pharmacy

1 doing business as Ekwunife?

2 A. Yes, I did.

3 Q. How?

4 A. It was the target of an internal investigation.

5 Q. What was your role in that investigation?

6 A. I directed the investigation.

7 Q. In connection with that investigation, did you review
8 Medicaid data related to the pharmacy?

9 A. Yes, we did.

10 Q. What sort of Medicaid data?

11 A. We looked at the Medicaid data which was submitted by Afam
12 Pharmacy for payment, particularly between 2010 and 2012.

13 Q. Ms. Hayes-Chaffe, could I ask you to turn in your exhibit
14 binder to Government Exhibit 318.

15 MR. KEHOE: Excuse me. With all due respect, Judge,
16 may I retrieve my exhibit?

17 THE COURT: Yes.

18 MR. KEHOE: I think I gave it to you.

19 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Parting is such sweet sorrow.

20 MR. KEHOE: I knew you were going to say that. Thank
21 you.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. Do you recognize this document?

24 A. Yes, I do.

25 Q. What does this document show?

1 A. This document is the Medicaid record for Afam Pharmacy from
2 2010 to 2012, particularly for recipients who received HIV
3 medication at this pharmacy.

4 Q. Is it related to a particular doctor?

5 A. Yes, it is.

6 Q. What doctor?

7 A. It's related to Dr. Naveed Ahmad.

8 Q. Ms. Hayes-Chaffe, could you turn in your exhibit binder to
9 Government Exhibits 320 through 325.

10 A. All right.

11 Q. Do you recognize those documents?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. What are they generally?

14 A. These are generally Medicaid claim summaries for various
15 years.

16 Q. For which pharmacy?

17 A. For Afam Pharmacy.

18 Q. Ms. Hayes-Chaffe, could you now turn in your exhibit binder
19 to what has been premarked for identification purposes as
20 Government Exhibit 500.

21 A. Okay.

22 Q. Do you recognize this document?

23 A. Yes, I do.

24 Q. How do you recognize it?

25 A. It was generated under my direction.

1 Q. Does this document fairly and accurately summarize the
2 records contained in Government Exhibits 318 through 325, which
3 you just reviewed?

4 A. Yes, it does.

5 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
6 Government Exhibit 500.

7 MR. KEHOE: Subject to the objections articulated,
8 your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Right. There are no additional
10 objections, but those objections stand.

11 MR. KEHOE: Yes, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Very good. Received.

13 (Government's Exhibit 500 received in evidence)

14 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 Q. Ms. Hayes-Chaffe, I would like to walk through this chart.
17 What does this chart cover generally?

18 A. It covers the Afam Medicaid billings by prescriber for 2011
19 and 2012.

20 Q. Let's turn to the blue bar on the left. What does that bar
21 represent?

22 A. That represents the total value of claims submitted to
23 Medicaid by Afam Pharmacy for prescriptions generated by, or
24 written by Dr. Naveed Ahmad.

25 Q. What is the number listed there?

1 A. \$2,626,293.

2 Q. What does the red bar next to that blue bar represent?

3 A. The red bar represents the Medicaid claims submitted by
4 Afam Pharmacy for prescriptions from all other prescribers
5 during 2011.

6 Q. What is the number listed there?

7 A. \$926,540.

8 Q. To be clear, roughly 75 percent of Afam's billing --

9 MR. KEHOE: No leading, Judge, please.

10 THE COURT: Sustained.

11 Q. Ms. Hayes-Chaffe, what percentage of Afam's billings in
12 2011 were from Dr. Naveed Ahmad?

13 A. Approximately 75 percent.

14 Q. Let's turn to the next two bars. What does the third blue
15 bar on this document represent? My apologies. The third bar,
16 the second blue bar on this document, what does it represent?

17 A. This represents the Medicaid claims submitted by Afam
18 Pharmacy for prescriptions written by Dr. Naveed Ahmad in 2012.

19 Q. What is the number listed at the top?

20 A. \$1,653,946.

21 Q. What does the red bar on the far right represent?

22 A. That represents the value of claims submitted to Medicaid
23 by Afam Pharmacy for all other prescribers in 2012.

24 Q. What is the number listed at the top?

25 A. \$879,196.

1 Q. About what percentage to Dr. Naveed Ahmad's billings
2 reflect for that year?

3 A. Approximately 69 percent.

4 MS. ESTES: One moment, your Honor.

5 Q. Ms. Hayes-Chaffee, how many years have you been an
6 investigator with HRA?

7 A. I've been with HRA in a managerial capacity since July
8 2015.

9 Q. What did you do before that?

10 A. I worked as a senior attorney for the New York State office
11 of the Medicaid inspector general.

12 Q. What did that job entail?

13 A. I represented New York State --

14 THE COURT: What is the relevance?

15 MS. ESTES: Your Honor I was going to --

16 THE COURT: This witness is essentially a summary
17 witness summarizing the results of voluminous documents.

18 Unless you are going into some other area, I don't see the
19 relevance.

20 MS. ESTES: Understood, your Honor. No further
21 questions.

22 THE COURT: Cross-examination.

23 CROSS-EXAMINATION

24 BY MR. KEHOE:

25 Q. Good morning, Ms. Hayes-Chaffee. I think it is still

1 morning. My name is Greg Kehoe. I don't think we have had the
2 pleasure. I represent Mr. Gohari. If you could ask you a
3 couple of preliminary questions. You're a lawyer, is that
4 right?

5 A. Yes, I am.

6 Q. Not a doctor, not a physician; a lawyer?

7 A. Yes, that's correct.

8 Q. The document that we looked at, Government Exhibit 318, is
9 that in the documents that you have before you? I think
10 counsel was just showing that to you.

11 A. I think she was just talking to me about 500.

12 Q. The one prior to that.

13 A. 318? That's a while back, but yes.

14 MR. KEHOE: That's what I'm talking about, Judge, the
15 one a while back.

16 THE COURT: I understand. Maybe my notes are wrong.
17 Was that offered?

18 MS. ESTES: Yes, your Honor. That was part of the
19 stipulation.

20 THE COURT: Very good. Go ahead, counsel.

21 Q. We were talking about 318.

22 MR. KEHOE: May I approach one moment, Judge?

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 Q. I just want to make sure we are on the same page here.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. With regard to Exhibit 318, these are prescriptions between
2 2010 and 2012 prescribed by Dr. Naveed's office that were
3 filled at Afam Pharmacy, is that right?

4 A. Yes. I'm not sure that it's 100 percent of the claims. We
5 were concentrating on HIV medications that were prescribed and
6 filled.

7 Q. My question to you is a little bit easier. Afam is a
8 neighborhood pharmacy, isn't that right?

9 A. Yes, it is.

10 Q. Isn't it also true that Dr. Naveed Ahmad's office was
11 literally around the corner from Afam Pharmacy? Wasn't it?

12 A. Yes, I believe it was.

13 Q. Looking at these particular items in 318, as a lawyer you
14 didn't go in and check whether or not these were legitimate
15 scripts or necessary scripts or proper medically, did you?

16 MS. ESTES: Objection.

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 Q. As a lawyer, you didn't perform any medical tasks --

19 THE COURT: No, no. This witness is simply a summary
20 witness, counsel.

21 MR. KEHOE: I understand, Judge.

22 THE COURT: That reflects rulings that were made
23 partly at your request both today and at the prior hearing.

24 MR. KEHOE: I understand. I stand instructed, your
25 Honor, and I will move on.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 Q. If you will look the summary chart which is Exhibit 500.

3 MR. KEHOE: Could you put that back up, Ms. Bostillo.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. These are Medicaid billings by Afam Pharmacy during the
6 entire time when Dr. Naveed Ahmad's office was around the
7 corner from Afam, right?

8 A. So far as I know, yes.

9 MR. KEHOE: If I might have a moment, your Honor?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 Q. Looking at this document again, can you flip a few pages
12 in. Let's go to page 10?

13 THE COURT: You're talking about 318?

14 MR. KEHOE: Exhibit 318, Judge.

15 THE COURT: That's what we have up now?

16 MR. KEHOE: The one we have up is 500. I stand
17 corrected. If we can move back to 318.

18 A. So I understand, you want me to go to page 10?

19 Q. I don't know if they are numbered. If you can count in
20 about ten pages on Exhibit 318. I know that it is a chart and
21 it is not necessarily paginated. I believe the date on the top
22 of page 10 is February 29, 2012.

23 MR. KEHOE: Ms. Bostillo could you pull that up on the
24 screen, 318, March 29, 2012. If we could take a look at the
25 whole page.

1 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, objection.

2 THE COURT: I haven't heard the question. But I think
3 counsel is at a minimum opening doors that were closed before.

4 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, I'll withdraw it and make the
5 argument. Thank you.

6 THE COURT: Very good.

7 Anything more from the government?

8 MS. ESTES: Not for this witness, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: You may step down. Thank you very much.

10 (Witness excused)

11 THE COURT: Call your next witness.

12 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government calls Ambar
13 Aranaga.

14 AMBAR ARANAGA,

15 called as a witness by the government,

16 having been duly sworn, testified as follows:

17 THE CLERK: State your name and spell it slowly for
18 the record.

19 THE WITNESS: Ambar Aranaga.

20 THE COURT: How do you spell your last name?

21 THE WITNESS: A-R-A-N, as in Nancy, A-G-A.

22 THE COURT: Counsel.

23 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, before we begin, the
24 government would like to offer the defendant's tax returns into
25 evidence. I understand defense counsel is willing to

1 stipulate.

2 MR. KEHOE: No objection, Judge. We stipulated to
3 that and I believe we talked about it last night and agreed.

4 THE COURT: Yes. By contrast with some public
5 figures, we will receive the income tax returns in evidence.

6 MS. ESTES: The tax returns are Government Exhibits
7 1200 through 1209.

8 THE COURT: Received.

9 (Government's Exhibits 1200 through 1209 received in
10 evidence)

11 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, may I approach the witness and
12 bring them to her?

13 THE COURT: Yes.

14 DIRECT EXAMINATION

15 BY MS. ESTES:

16 Q. Good morning.

17 A. Good morning.

18 Q. Where are you currently employed?

19 A. I work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

20 Q. What is your title?

21 A. Staff operations specialist.

22 Q. How long have you been with the Federal Bureau of
23 Investigation?

24 A. Just over 13 years.

25 Q. How long have you been a staff operations specialist?

1 A. Just under 3.

2 Q. Do you work in a particular unit?

3 A. I do.

4 Q. What unit?

5 A. I support the health care fraud unit.

6 Q. How long have you supported the health care fraud unit?

7 A. That unit about 4 months.

8 Q. During the course of your work in that unit, have you
9 become familiar with Afam Pharmacy?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. How?

12 A. It's a case that I'm engaged with.

13 Q. Have you reviewed documents and records related to
14 prescriptions filled at Afam Pharmacy?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Have you also reviewed tax returns related to Afam
17 Pharmacy?

18 A. Yes.

19 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, could I have permission to
20 publish what has been entered into evidence as Government
21 Exhibit 1200?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 Q. Ms. Aranaga, have you reviewed this document?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What is this document generally?

1 A. This is the return of partnership income for Afam Pharmacy
2 for 2011.

3 MS. ESTES: Ms. Bostillo, if I could ask you to zoom
4 into row 1, 2, 3. Perfect. Thank you.

5 Q. Ms. Aranaga, directing your attention to the portion of the
6 tax return that is highlighted here, what is reflected in the
7 row for gross receipts or sales not reported on line 1a?

8 A. That's \$4,046,436.

9 Q. Turning your attention to the row number 2, what was
10 reflected there for goods of cost sold?

11 A. \$3,700,388.

12 Q. Turning your attention to line 3, gross profit, what is
13 listed there?

14 A. \$346,048.

15 Q. To be clear, what year is that tax return for?

16 A. 2011.

17 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, permission to publish
18 Government Exhibit 1202?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 MS. ESTES: Ms. Bostillo, could you please zoom into
21 the same portion.

22 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what is this document generally?

23 A. This is the return of partnership income for Afam Pharmacy
24 for 2013.

25 Q. Turning your attention to the first line 1a for gross

1 receipts or sales, what is listed there?

2 A. It's \$1,815,217.

3 Q. Turning your attention to the second line for cost of goods
4 sold, what is listed there?

5 A. That is \$1,358,125.

6 Q. Turning your attention to the third line for gross profit,
7 what is listed there?

8 A. \$457,092.

9 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, permission to publish
10 Government Exhibit 1203?

11 THE COURT: Yes.

12 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what is this document generally?

13 A. This is the return of partnership income for Afam Pharmacy
14 for 2014.

15 Q. Turning your attention to the first line here, what is
16 listed for gross receipts or sales?

17 A. \$5,116,253.

18 Q. Turning your attention to the second line, what is listed
19 for cost of goods sold?

20 A. \$4,703,383.

21 Q. And turning your attention to the third line for gross
22 profit, what is listed there?

23 A. \$412,870.

24 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, permission to publish
25 Government Exhibit 1204?

1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what does this document reflect generally?

3 A. This is the return of partnership income for Afam Pharmacy
4 for 2015.

5 Q. Turning your attention to the first line, what is listed
6 there?

7 A. \$18,925,912.

8 Q. Turning your attention to that second line for cost of
9 goods sold, what is listed there?

10 A. \$17,991,516.

11 Q. Turning your attention to the line for gross profit, what
12 is listed there?

13 A. \$934,396.

14 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could I ask you to turn in the exhibit binder
15 in front of you to what has been premarked for identification
16 purposes as Government Exhibit 900. Are you there?

17 A. I am.

18 Q. Do you recognize this document?

19 A. Yes, I do.

20 Q. How do you recognize it?

21 A. This is a chart that I created showing prescriptions filled
22 at Afam Pharmacy for the date range of September 2012 through
23 October 2015 and this one in particular is for Sheri and the
24 last name has been redacted.

25 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize government records

1 containing Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

2 A. Yes.

3 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
4 Government Exhibit 900.

5 THE COURT: Any objection?

6 MR. KEHOE: Subject to prior objections.

7 THE COURT: Yes, exactly right. Received.

8 (Government's Exhibit 900 received in evidence)

9 MR. KEHOE: As these go through, Judge, as I suspect
10 counsel is going through, can I just have a standing objection
11 based on our prior discussion?

12 THE COURT: Yes. But if there are any other
13 objections, you need to raise them.

14 MR. KEHOE: Yes.

15 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 MS. ESTES: Ms. Bostillo, if you could please zoom in
18 to the first few lines of the chart.

19 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient does this cover?

20 A. Sheri and -- I know the last name. I don't know if I'm
21 supposed to say it or not.

22 Q. That's fine. What is the drug contained in this chart?

23 A. In this particular highlighted portion it's oxycodone.

24 There are a total of 4 drugs that the chart highlights.

25 Q. What other drugs are listed?

1 A. Oxycodone, sulfadin, tramadol, and carisoprodol.

2 Q. As to the oxycodone, what strength oxycodone was this
3 patient receiving?

4 A. 30 milligrams.

5 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescription for
6 oxycodone?

7 A. 9 different doctors.

8 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did this patient receive?

9 A. 49 total, 37 of which were oxycodone.

10 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did this
11 patient receive?

12 A. 3,845.

13 Q. Ms. Aranaga, I would ask you to turn in your exhibit binder
14 to what has been premarked for identification as Government
15 Exhibit 901. Do you recognize this document?

16 A. Yes, I do.

17 Q. How do you recognize it?

18 A. This is a chart I created to show the prescriptions filled
19 at Afam between September 2012 and October of 2015 for patient
20 first name Gilberto.

21 Q. Does this fairly and accurately summarize government
22 records contained in Government Exhibits 102 and 102?

23 A. Yes.

24 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
25 Government Exhibit 901.

1 MR. KEHOE: Same objection, Judge.

2 THE COURT: Received.

3 (Government's Exhibit 901 received in evidence)

4 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

5 THE COURT: Yes.

6 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient is covered by this chart?

7 A. The first name is Gilberto.

8 Q. What drugs are covered by this chart?

9 A. There is only one drug. It's oxycodone.

10 Q. What strength oxycodone was Gilberto receiving?

11 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, it speaks for itself. This is
12 not an expert on that score.

13 THE COURT: I'll let her, in effect, read the chart.

14 Overruled.

15 A. Generally, it was 30 milligrams. There were a few at 20
16 milligrams.

17 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescriptions for
18 oxycodone?

19 A. 5 separate doctors.

20 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did this patient receive?

21 A. 39.

22 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did this
23 patient receive?

24 A. 3,990.

25 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could you please turn in your exhibit binder

1 to what has been premarked for identification purposes as
2 Government Exhibit 902.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Do you recognize this document?

5 A. I do.

6 Q. How do you recognize it?

7 A. This is a chart that I created showing prescriptions filled
8 at Afam Pharmacy between September of 2012 to October of 2015
9 for the patient Darnell.

10 Q. Does this chart fairly and accurately summarize government
11 profits contained Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

12 A. Yes.

13 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
14 Government Exhibit 902.

15 MR. KEHOE: Same objection.

16 (Received

17 (Government's Exhibit 902 received in evidence)

18 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what drugs are covered by this chart?

21 A. There is only one drug. It's oxycodone.

22 Q. What is the strength?

23 A. 30 milligrams.

24 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescription for
25 oxycodone?

1 A. 5 separate doctors.

2 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did this patient receive?

3 A. 11.

4 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did this
5 patient receive?

6 A. 909.

7 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could I ask you to turn in your exhibit binder
8 to what has been premarked for identification as Government
9 Exhibit 903.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you recognize this document?

12 A. I do.

13 Q. How do you recognize it?

14 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
15 Afam from September 2012 to October 2015 for a patient first
16 name Tonya.

17 Q. Does this chart fairly and accurately summarize government
18 records containing Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

19 A. Yes.

20 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
21 Government Exhibit 903.

22 THE COURT: Same objection, same ruling. Received.

23 (Government's Exhibit 903 received in evidence)

24 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

25 THE COURT: Yes.

1 MR. KEHOE: Judge, the reason I didn't stand up is
2 because it is the same objection. I will every time if you
3 want.

4 THE COURT: No need to, but much appreciated anyway.

5 MR. KEHOE: Thank you.

6 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what drugs are covered in this chart?

7 A. There are 5 drugs. They are oxycodone, methadone,
8 amphetamine, alderall, and zolpidem.

9 Q. Turning to the oxycodone, what strength oxycodone was the
10 patient receiving?

11 A. 30 milligrams.

12 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescriptions for
13 oxycodone?

14 A. 4. I'm sorry. Yes, 4 different doctors authored
15 prescriptions.

16 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

17 A. 16.

18 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
19 patient receive?

20 A. 1,755.

21 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could I ask you to turn in your exhibit binder
22 to what has been premarked for identification purposes as
23 Government Exhibit 904.

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you recognize this document?

1 A. I do.

2 Q. How do you recognize it?

3 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
4 Afam from September 2012 to October 2015 for patient first name
5 Michael.

6 Q. Does this chart fairly and accurately summarize government
7 records contained in Government's Exhibits 101 and 102?

8 A. Yes.

9 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
10 Government Exhibit 904.

11 THE COURT: Same objection, same ruling. Received.

12 (Government's Exhibit 904 received in evidence)

13 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what drugs are covered by this chart?

16 A. There is only one drug. It's oxycodone.

17 Q. What is the strength?

18 A. 30 milligrams.

19 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescriptions?

20 A. 2.

21 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

22 A. 14.

23 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
24 patient receive?

25 A. 1,075.

1 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could you please turn in your exhibit binder
2 to what has been premarked for identification purposes as
3 Government Exhibit 905.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Do you recognize this document?

6 A. I do.

7 Q. How do you recognize it?

8 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
9 Afam Pharmacy from September of 2012 to October 2015 for
10 patient first name Duane.

11 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize information
12 contained in Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

13 A. Yes.

14 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
15 Government Exhibit 905.

16 THE COURT: Same objection, same ruling. Received.

17 (Government's Exhibit 905 received in evidence)

18 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what drugs are covered by this chart?

21 A. Oxycodone and morphine.

22 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescription for
23 oxycodone?

24 A. 6 different doctors.

25 Q. What is the strength of oxycodone?

1 A. 30 milligrams.

2 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did this patient receive?

3 A. 36.

4 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did this
5 patient receive?

6 A. 3,030.

7 Q. Ms. Aranaga, would you please turn in your exhibit binder
8 to what has been premarked for identification as Government
9 Exhibit 906.

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. Do you recognize this document?

12 A. Yes, I do.

13 Q. How do you recognize it?

14 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
15 Afam Pharmacy from September 2012 to October 2015 for patient
16 first name Robert.

17 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize government records
18 contained in Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

19 A. Yes.

20 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers 906.

21 THE COURT: Ditto, ditto, and received.

22 (Government's Exhibit 906 received in evidence)

23 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

24 THE COURT: Yes.

25 Q. What name is covered by this chart?

1 A. First name Robert.

2 Q. What strength oxycodone was the patient receiving?

3 A. 30 milligrams.

4 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the oxycodone?

5 A. 9 different doctors.

6 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

7 A. 22.

8 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
9 patient receive?

10 A. 2,570.

11 Q. Ms. Aranaga could you please turn to what has been
12 premarked for identification as Government Exhibit 907.

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Do you recognize this document?

15 A. Yes, I do.

16 Q. How do you recognize it?

17 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
18 Afam from September 2012 to October 2015.

19 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize information in
20 Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

21 A. Yes.

22 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
23 Government Exhibit 907.

24 THE COURT: After carefully considering the previously
25 stated objection, I will overrule it and receive the document.

1 (Government's Exhibit 907 received in evidence)

2 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

3 THE COURT: Yes.

4 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient is covered by this chart?

5 A. First name is Stefone.

6 Q. What drugs are covered by this chart?

7 A. Oxycodone, methadone, and sulfadin.

8 Q. What strength oxycodone was the patient receiving?

9 A. 30 milligrams.

10 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescriptions for
11 oxycodone?

12 A. 7.

13 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

14 A. 17.

15 Q. In total, approximately how many pills did the patient
16 receive?

17 A. 1,800.

18 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could you please turn in your exhibit binder
19 to what has been premarked as Government Exhibit 908.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you recognize this document?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. How do you recognize it?

24 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
25 Afam from September 2012 to October 2015.

1 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize information in
2 Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

3 A. Yes.

4 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
5 Government Exhibit 908.

6 THE COURT: You are really offering this
7 notwithstanding the previous ruling? Received.

8 (Government's Exhibit 908 received in evidence)

9 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

10 THE COURT: Yes.

11 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient is covered by this chart?

12 A. First name Willie.

13 Q. What strength oxycodone is the patient receiving?

14 A. Mainly 30 milligrams.

15 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescription for
16 oxycodone?

17 A. 12.

18 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

19 A. 36.

20 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
21 patient receive?

22 A. 3,380.

23 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could you please turn in your exhibit binder
24 to what has been premarked for identification purposes as
25 Government Exhibit 909.

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Do you recognize this document?

3 A. Yes, I do.

4 Q. How do you recognize it?

5 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
6 Afam Pharmacy from September 2012 to October 2015.

7 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize government records
8 contained in Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

9 A. Yes, it does.

10 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
11 Government Exhibit 909.

12 THE COURT: Based on past precedent, I will receive
13 the document.

14 (Government's Exhibit 909 received in evidence)

15 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

16 THE COURT: Yes.

17 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient does this chart cover?

18 A. First name is Alberto.

19 Q. What strength oxycodone was the patient receiving?

20 A. 30 milligrams.

21 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescription for
22 oxycodone?

23 A. 8 different doctors.

24 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

25 A. 30.

1 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
2 patient receive?

3 A. 2,970.

4 Q. Could you please turn in your exhibit binder to what has
5 been premarked for identification purposes as Government
6 Exhibit 910.

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. Do you recognize this?

9 A. I do.

10 Q. How do you recognize it?

11 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
12 Afam from September 2012 to October 2015.

13 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize information in
14 Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

15 A. Yes, it does.

16 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
17 Government Exhibit 910.

18 THE COURT: I assume you want a bad joke from me at
19 this point, but I've run out. Received.

20 (Government's Exhibit 910 received in evidence)

21 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient does this chart cover?

24 A. Patient's first name is Luther.

25 Q. What strength oxycodone was the patient receiving?

1 A. 30 milligrams.

2 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescriptions for
3 oxycodone?

4 A. 7.

5 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

6 A. 21 prescriptions.

7 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
8 patient receive?

9 A. 2,131.

10 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could you please turn to what has been
11 premarked for identification as Government Exhibit 911.

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. Do you recognize this document?

14 A. I do.

15 Q. How do you recognize it?

16 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
17 Afam Pharmacy from September 2012 to October 2015.

18 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize government records
19 contained in Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

20 A. Yes.

21 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
22 Government Exhibit 911.

23 THE COURT: Received.

24 (Government's Exhibit 911 received in evidence)

25 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient is covered by this chart?

3 A. Patient's first name is Eugene.

4 Q. What strength oxycodone was the patient receiving?

5 A. 30 milligrams.

6 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescriptions?

7 A. 2.

8 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

9 A. He received 17.

10 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
11 patient receive?

12 A. 1,140.

13 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could you please turn to what has been
14 premarked as Government Exhibit 912.

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Do you recognize this document?

17 A. Yes, I do.

18 Q. How do you recognize it?

19 A. It's a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at Afam
20 Pharmacy from September 2012 to October 2015.

21 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize information
22 contained in Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

23 A. Yes, it does.

24 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
25 Government Exhibit 912.

1 THE COURT: Received.

2 (Government's Exhibit 912 received in evidence)

3 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

4 THE COURT: Yes.

5 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient does this chart cover?

6 A. First name is Leslie.

7 Q. What is the strength of oxycodone the patient is receiving?

8 A. 30 milligrams.

9 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the oxycodone
10 prescriptions?

11 A. 3.

12 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

13 A. 12.

14 Q. In total, approximately how many oxycodone pills did the
15 patient receive?

16 A. 1,950.

17 Q. Finally, Ms. Aranaga, could you please turn in your exhibit
18 binder to what has been premarked for identification as
19 Government Exhibit 913.

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you recognize this document?

22 A. Yes, I do.

23 Q. How do you recognize it?

24 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
25 Afam Pharmacy from September 2012 to October 2015.

1 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize information in
2 Government Exhibits 101 and 102?

3 A. Yes, it does.

4 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
5 Government Exhibit 913.

6 THE COURT: Received.

7 (Government's Exhibit 913 received in evidence)

8 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

9 THE COURT: Yes.

10 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what patient is covered by this charge?

11 A. First name is Jorge.

12 Q. What strength oxycodone was the patient receiving?

13 A. 30 milligrams.

14 Q. Approximately how many doctors wrote the prescriptions for
15 oxycodone?

16 A. At least 10 different doctors.

17 Q. How many oxycodone prescriptions did the patient receive?

18 A. 30.

19 Q. In total, approximately how many pills did the patient
20 receive?

21 A. 3,070.

22 Q. Ms. Aranaga, could you now turn in your exhibit binder to
23 what has been marked for identification as Government Exhibit
24 917.

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Do you recognize this document?

2 A. Yes, I do.

3 Q. How do you recognize it?

4 A. This is a chart I created showing prescriptions filled at
5 Afam Pharmacy for September 2015 based on Medicaid data.

6 Q. Does it fairly and accurately summarize government records
7 contained in Government Exhibits 300 through 317?

8 A. Yes, it does.

9 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
10 Government Exhibit 917.

11 THE COURT: Received.

12 (Government's Exhibit 917 received in evidence)

13 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

14 THE COURT: Yes.

15 Q. Ms. Aranaga, I would like to walk through this document
16 now.

17 MS. ESTES: Ms. Bostillo, could you please zoom in to
18 the top portion of the document.

19 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what does this document show, generally?

20 A. It shows prescriptions filled. It's organized by date. It
21 will show the quantity of pills dispensed, the total moneys
22 paid, the approximate price per quantity, so the price per
23 pill, and the doctor who authored the prescription.

24 Q. Does it refer to a specific time frame?

25 A. September of 2015.

1 Q. How many patients are represented on this chart?

2 A. 10 individual patients.

3 Q. How many total prescriptions are represented?

4 A. We have 90 different prescriptions.

5 Q. How many of these were oxycodone prescriptions?

6 A. 8 prescriptions were for oxycodone.

7 Q. If you could walk through which patients are covered by
8 this chart.

9 A. First name Darin, first name Wilfredo, first name Darnell,
10 first name Sheri, first name Jorge, first name Tonya, first
11 name Robert, first name Stefone, first name Wilfredo, first
12 name Duane.

13 Q. Are these many of the same patients that were covered in
14 the summary charts we just discussed?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. Ms. Aranaga, does this chart reflect a total amount billed
17 to Medicaid this month for these patients?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What is that total?

20 A. \$14,321.07.

21 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, may I approach the witness?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, may we have a side bar?

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MR. KEHOE: The document was presented to us this
3 morning. I just need a little time to take a look at it,
4 Judge. I don't anticipate there is going to be any problem.

5 THE COURT: What is this document?

6 MR. KEHOE: It's a document containing a map of where
7 these individuals are located and addresses. I just want to
8 check it out. This particular witness --

9 THE COURT: This witness doesn't have any expertise,
10 does she?

11 MS. ESTES: Your Honor it was turned over to us a
12 couple of days ago. It's summarizing the addresses.

13 THE COURT: I think we need to move forward with this
14 witness. If you want to take a look at it over lunch and if
15 there is a problem, we can, I suppose, recall the witness on
16 Monday.

17 MR. KEHOE: Judge, to be honest with you, I don't
18 anticipate a problem. It's just in furtherance of representing
19 my client.

20 THE COURT: Right. If there is no problem, then this
21 can be put in by stipulation.

22 MR. KEHOE: That's right.

23 THE COURT: Very good.

24 MS. ESTES: Should we address it with the witness or
25 no?

1 THE COURT: No.

2 (In open court)

3 Q. Ms. Aranaga, would you please turn in your exhibit binder
4 to what has been premarked for identification as Government
5 Exhibit 918.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. Do you recognize this document?

8 A. Yes, I do.

9 Q. How do you recognize it?

10 A. This is a chart I created depicting the top 15 medications
11 sold by Afam to a certain number of patients, and it's sorted
12 by prescriptions filled.

13 Q. Does this document fairly and accurately summarize
14 government records contained in Government Exhibits 201 through
15 219?

16 A. Yes.

17 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, the government offers
18 Government Exhibit 918.

19 THE COURT: Received.

20 (Government's Exhibit 918 received in evidence)

21 MS. ESTES: Permission to publish?

22 THE COURT: Yes.

23 MS. ESTES: Ms. Bostillo, could you please zoom in to
24 the chart here.

25 Q. Ms. Aranaga, let's walk through this document. Turning to

1 this bar chart, what does the bar on the far left represent?

2 A. Oxycodone in 30 milligrams tablets.

3 Q. What does this chart reflect generally?

4 A. It shows the number of oxycodone prescriptions was almost 2
5 times -- was sold more than 2 times than the next highest drug.

6 Q. What is the total amount of oxycodone prescriptions?

7 A. 272.

8 Q. What is the next drug?

9 A. Ventolin.

10 Q. What is the total number there?

11 A. 104.

12 Q. What patients does this chart cover?

13 A. The patient list is, I'll read it off: First name Darin,
14 first name Sheri, first name Gilberto, first name Darnell,
15 first name Tonya, first name Michael, first name Duane, first
16 name Robert, first name Stefone, first name Philip, first name
17 Willie, first name Danny, first name Michelle, first name
18 Luther, first name Eugene, first name Leslie, first name
19 Wilfredo, and first name Jorge.

20 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, may we have a brief sidebar?

21 THE COURT: Yes.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, we are prepared to rest, but
3 we have these two documents that they are not prepared to
4 stipulate to right now.

5 THE COURT: We have to have cross-examination first in
6 any event.

7 MS. ESTES: Right.

8 THE COURT: After this witness is over, I will tell
9 the jury that the government is prepared to rest subject to a
10 few items that we'll deal with first thing Monday and excuse
11 them. That preserves your right to get into those things on
12 Monday.

13 MS. ESTES: Thank you, your Honor.

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1 (In open court)

2 MS. ESTES: No further questions.

3 THE COURT: Cross-examination.

4 CROSS-EXAMINATION

5 BY MR. KEHOE:

6 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Aranaga. I Greg Kehoe. I represent
7 Danny Gohari. Let me go through a couple of documents that you
8 were called upon to testify about by counsel.

9 MR. KEHOE: These tax returns, if we could put
10 Government Exhibit 1200 on the screen. If we could blow up the
11 first top of that document a little bit, Ms. Bostillo.

12 Q. Ma'am, you were called upon to testify. With all due
13 respect, do you know what a form 1065 is?

14 A. I know what's in front of me. I knew once I started
15 reviewing the records what a form 1065 was.

16 Q. A 1065 is a partnership return?

17 A. Correct.

18 Q. A 1065 brings with it a partnership. In that there are
19 several partners, aren't there?

20 A. Yes.

21 MS. ESTES: Objection, your Honor. Outside the scope.

22 THE COURT: Overruled.

23 Q. There are several partners, aren't there?

24 A. That's the indication, right.

25 Q. How many partners are there?

1 A. I would have to go through the documents. When I was
2 reviewing them, there were at least two.

3 Q. In addition to Mr. Gohari?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. So there are three partners?

6 A. Right.

7 Q. Let's move down and talk a little bit about what the
8 government showed you. If we could go down to the income
9 category. This has gross receipts of \$4,046 and change, does
10 it not?

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Then it has cost of goods sold 3 million 700?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Based on your experience, Ms. Aranaga, that means that you
15 get money coming in but the pharmacy has to pay for the goods
16 going out, doesn't it?

17 MS. ESTES: Objection, your Honor.

18 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, they put this in and talked to
19 her about it.

20 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, we didn't proffer this witness
21 as an expert.

22 MR. KEHOE: They discussed this exhibit, Judge.

23 THE COURT: I've allowed it so far because it is
24 essentially just a variation on reading from the exhibit. I
25 will allow that but not if it goes beyond that. The pending

1 question can stand.

2 Q. We go to the gross profit after cost of goods sold,
3 \$346,048, right?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. If we can move down, I want to show you some part of this
6 that was not discussed on direct. If we can blow up that
7 portion below the 346 that begins with 23,000. That reads
8 salaries -- your Honor, I'll try to get through this quickly
9 just reading the documents -- salaries, payments to partners,
10 repairs, rent, depreciation. If we go all the way down to line
11 22, it reads that the ordinary business income for the
12 partnership is \$83,591, right? Is that what it reads?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Subject to percentages, that is split with three partners,
15 isn't it?

16 A. That's my --

17 THE COURT: Sustained.

18 Q. If we go to what the government showed you as Exhibit 1201
19 excuse me 1202. My apologies. I think the government
20 discussed 1201 and then went to 1202 if my memory serves me
21 correctly. My apologies. Do you have it, Ms. Aranaga?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. That's a partnership return again that was discussed with
24 you on direct examination?

25 A. Correct.

1 Q. It has an ordinary business income at line 22 that reads
2 104,000, doesn't it?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. If we go to Government Exhibit 1203, what counsel talked to
5 you about, I want to go to the lines that counsel didn't ask
6 you about, which is the bottom line again. This is a tax
7 return for 2014. Line 22 says for the partnership there is an
8 ordinary business income of \$117,000 for the partnership,
9 right?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When you were reading through this, you understood that
12 this was not a tax return for Mr. Gohari individually, right?

13 A. Right.

14 Q. Counsel took you through a series of documents and records.
15 No, I'm not going to go through all those documents again. But
16 I would like to talk to you a little bit about how this was
17 structured. You did this pursuant to instructions coming from
18 the government, right?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. For instance, let's pick one, 901. I have a few of them
21 here. I think there are about 14 of them. 901. It has the
22 columns with the date, prescription, what the drug is,
23 quantity, strength, supply, and the providers?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. There is no line for who actually was the pharmacist who

1 dispensed it, is there?

2 A. No.

3 Q. Did the government not ask you to put the dispensing
4 pharmacist on this chart?

5 A. I don't remember that being discussed.

6 Q. Let's look. Let's look at some from the beginning. Look
7 at your line on this particular chart 1/9/23, January 9, 2013.

8 A. I'm sorry. What exhibit are we looking at?

9 Q. We're looking at Exhibit 901?

10 A. Right.

11 Q. If we look at the date January 9, 2013.

12 A. The date written or the date filled?

13 Q. That's a good question. It is the date written. It should
14 be line, getting help from my colleague here, line 35.

15 A. It's the same date for both.

16 Q. Can you take a look at across that line 35. It's
17 prescribed by Dr. William Scott Belfar.

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. If we could turn our attention to Exhibit 219, Government
20 Exhibit 219. This is prescription records for Mr. Cabrera.
21 And if we go -- pardon my fumbling here -- to page 4, four
22 down, if you look over at the right-hand side it notes the
23 prescribing pharmacist as SA, does it not?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Do you know who that is?

1 A. I do not.

2 Q. You do know that it is not the initials KDG or DG, right?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Let's look at the next one. Please put back 901. Look at
5 like 34, right above it. It's February 6, 2013.

6 A. Yes.

7 Q. You have it in your chart as to Gilberto Cabrera by Sheri
8 Potter. Let's turn our attention back to 12/19, page 4,
9 Government Exhibit 1219 page 4. Government Exhibit 219. We're
10 going five from the top.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. Five from the top, that is the same prescription, is it
13 not? Can you blow that up, five from the top, the February 6,
14 2013 transaction. That's the prescription that was on a you
15 are summary chart, right?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. Again we have the initials of SA?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. That's not, clearly, KDG or DG, is it?

20 A. No.

21 MR. KEHOE: Why don't you stay on this page so we
22 don't have to flip back and forth. Can we stay on 219. Go to
23 the bottom prescription for Mr. Cabrera, 2/25/2013. Yes that
24 one Ms. Bostillo.

25 Q. This is 2/25/13, oxycodone going to Mr. Cabrera. If we

1 look over at the initials on the right, those initials are SAY,
2 aren't they?

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. They are not, of course, KDG or DG?

5 A. No.

6 Q. If you look back at Exhibit 901 and we look at line 33 of
7 901, line 33, that's the prescription that we were looking at,
8 isn't it?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. It doesn't reflect that the pharmacist who filled it was
11 SAY, does it?

12 A. No.

13 Q. There are any number of examples here. Let's take another
14 one. You have in your chart right above that at line 31 --
15 keep it there Ms. Bostillo -- line 31, 3/22/13 filled 3/23/13.
16 Do you see that?

17 A. Yes.

18 Q. Let's go back to Exhibit 219 on page 6. Top entry.

19 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, objection. Can we approach?

20 THE COURT: Yes.

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, this is outside the scope of
3 what she testified about. She testified that she made these
4 charts based on the records. This is a waste of jury's time
5 because we will have to go back and go over it on redirect. It
6 will take a long time. If he keeps this up, we are going to
7 feel compelled to do it. This is wasting everybody's time.

8 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, the fact that the government
9 neglected to put in the fact that any number of these
10 prescriptions that they have in their summary charts that they
11 have introduced into evidence here were not written by my
12 client is something that the jury should know. They have
13 introduced this summary chart --

14 THE COURT: No, no. I agree that it is fair comment
15 on what the documents show. The question is whether it's
16 appropriate to be questioning this witness about this as
17 opposed to just pointing it out. Nothing prevents you on
18 summation from pointing out what is in evidence or anything
19 about what is in evidence.

20 However, since the documents are now in evidence, if
21 there are things that you want to point out, I think this is as
22 good a time as any, as long as it doesn't become like a mini
23 summation going on for hours at a time.

24 MR. KEHOE: I thought you would be inspired by my
25 Friday afternoon mini summation, Judge.

1 THE COURT: Everything you say is always an
2 inspiration to me. How long are you going to go with this?

3 MR. KEHOE: Can I caucus with my folks? What I was
4 planning on doing was leaving everything out, going through
5 what they left out, just taking a sampling of these.

6 THE COURT: Caucus with your friends right here and
7 then tell me how long you want to do this.

8 MR. KEHOE: Okay, Judge. Thank you.

9 (Pause)

10 MR. KEHOE: Your Honor, the brain trust has convinced
11 me that we will limit it to probably five more minutes.

12 THE COURT: That's fine.

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1 (In open court)

2 Q. Ms. Aranaga, I think you testified that you put these
3 charts together from the instructions from the government,
4 right? From the attorneys, right?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Suffice it to say you included in this chart every
7 prescription for oxycodone for these patients that went through
8 Afam Pharmacy, whether Mr. Gohari filled that prescription as a
9 pharmacist or not?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. When we look at these documents, if the jury were to look
12 at these documents, they would have to go through line by line
13 to decide which of these were filled by Mr. Gohari and which
14 were filled by another pharmacist, wouldn't they?

15 A. I would assume so.

16 Q. If we are looking to these summary charts as items that are
17 filled just by Mr. Gohari, these summary chart don't do that,
18 do they?

19 A. No, no. They summarize what was filled by the pharmacy,
20 not necessarily by Mr. Gohari.

21 MR. KEHOE: Thank you very much. You have been very
22 helpful. Thank you, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Any redirect?

24 MS. ESTES: Very briefly, your Honor.

25 REDIRECT EXAMINATION

1 BY MS. ESTES:

2 Q. Ms. Aranaga, what is your understanding of who owns the
3 pharmacy?

4 A. Mr. Gohari.

5 MS. ESTES: No further questions.

6 **RECROSS-EXAMINATION**

7 BY MR. KEHOE:

8 Q. Didn't you tell us on cross-examination that this is a
9 partnership?

10 A. Indeed. The tax records, when I perused them, show that he
11 owns approximately 65 percent.

12 Q. There are two other partners in that, aren't there?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. So when you say that Mr. Gohari owns the partnership, there
15 are in fact three owners, aren't there?

16 A. There are. He owns the majority.

17 Q. My question is, there are three owners?

18 A. Yes.

19 MR. KEHOE: Thank you, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Anything else, counsel for the government?

21 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, may we approach?

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1 (At the side bar)

2 MS. ESTES: Your Honor, we are done with the witness
3 for now other than those two charts.

4 THE COURT: You don't need to approach for that. I
5 knew that. I just meant did you have any other questions for
6 the witness.

7 MS. ESTES: Not today.

8 THE COURT: Just so we are clear, with the proper
9 stipulation you won't need to recall this witness?

10 MR. KEHOE: I'll tell them later today or tomorrow,
11 Judge. Just the maps.

12 MS. ESTES: That's right, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: If you don't get the proper stipulation,
14 then you will recall the witness. Very good.

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1 (In open court)

2 (Witness excused)

3 THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, the government has
4 informed me that subject to one or two items that will come in
5 of a documentary nature on Monday, they have completed their
6 case. That is where I thought we ought to be by Friday. We
7 are going to excuse you for the entire weekend. I know your
8 hearts are all aflutter at this point.

9 By the way, I have taken note today both of still
10 another hat from juror 11 and I see that some of the other
11 persons here, for example, Juror No. 7, is wearing really quite
12 a lovely sweater there. I know the competition is intense.

13 Don't think about this case over the weekend. As I
14 have told you before, don't talk about it with anyone. We are
15 right on schedule. We will reconvene on Monday at 9 o'clock.
16 It will probably go a full day, until about 4 o'clock, maybe
17 3:30. 3:30 or 4:00 on Monday. Have a great weekend, and I
18 will see you next week.

19 (Jury present jury not present)

20 THE COURT: Where do we stand on the defense case?

21 MR. KEHOE: We are ready to go Monday morning, Judge.

22 THE COURT: I understand that. Have you told the
23 government which witnesses you are going to call?

24 MR. KEHOE: I will tell them. I have a meeting set up
25 with Mr. Bachner this afternoon, and we will cull this witness

1 list out. We actually have been talking about it, talked about
2 it this morning.

3 THE COURT: Till 5 o'clock today?

4 MR. KEHOE: If you can give me until 6:00, Judge?

5 THE COURT: You drive a tough bargain. All right, 6
6 clock.

7 MR. KEHOE: We will cull this down. It could be
8 before that.

9 THE COURT: Also send the Court a list of who the
10 witnesses are that you intend to call.

11 MR. KEHOE: We will do so.

12 THE COURT: You need to include in that the defendant
13 if you propose to call him.

14 MR. KEHOE: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Very good. See you all Monday.

16 (Adjourned to 9:00 a.m., November 7, 2016)

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